



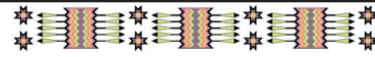
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Ada, Oklahoma

Agreement a first between state, tribal law enforcement

Lighthorse, Narcotics Bureau ink cross-deputization



Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal, right, and Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Director R. Darrell Weaver signed a historic Cross Deputation agreement May 24 in a ceremony at the Oklahoma state capitol.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal and Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics Director R. Darrell Weaver

signed a historic cross-deputation agreement May 24 in the Blue Room of the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Individual officers of the LPD and the OBN will be issued special law enforcement commissions under the agreement.

The commissions grant each equal law enforcement authority on or off Indian land.

"This agreement marks a major milestone in tribal-state relations which will benefit every citizen in the state," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Combining the talents of these fine officers and other resources of these agencies will multiply the effectiveness of their efforts."

The agreement is the first of its kind between an American Indian police department and a state law enforcement agency.

"This is more than an agreement, this is a partnership between the OBN and this very professional Lighthorse Police Department," Weaver said.

The goal of the agreement is to eliminate jurisdictional uncertainties which can benefit

criminals.

Many of these jurisdictional issues were highlighted in a recent report by Amnesty International titled "Maze of Injustice: The failure to protect Indigenous women from sexual violence in the USA."

The report noted that "complicated jurisdictional issues can significantly delay and prolong the process of investigating and prosecuting crimes of sexual violence."

O'Neal pointed out that many of the same jurisdictional issues could hinder drug investigations and prosecutions.

"Criminals do not recognize jurisdictional lines, whether they are state, county or tribal,"

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Gov. Anoatubby named Red Earth Ambassador of the Year



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Earth is doing a tremendous job of providing opportunities for Native artists and educating the public about the positive role American Indians play in our society."

Gov. Anoatubby's contributions toward promoting pride and presenting a more positive image of Native American heritage were recognized during the 2007 Red Earth Festival parade.

Members of the Chickasaw Dance troupe performed in the Red Earth parade.

Several Chickasaw students entered artwork in the youth art competition.

A number of Chickasaw artists also participated in the adult art competition and exhibition.

More than 1,200 Native American artists and dancers from throughout North America gathered at the 21st Annual Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival. They celebrated their rich and diverse cultures with the world. For three exciting days, Oklahoma City was the

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Health information at your fingertips

For Chickasaws and other Chickasaw Nation Health System patients, the most up-to-date medical information will soon be only a "click" away.

Dedication of the new Chickasaw Health Information Center is scheduled for 10 a.m., Friday, June 22 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada. Gov. Bill Anoatubby will be on hand

to cut the ribbon dedicating the new information service.

"The Chickasaw Health Information Center will put the very

latest medical and health care information at the fingertips of patients, health care providers and families," Gov. Anoatubby

said. "This new initiative is an important step in providing crucial information

that will help create awareness and lead to

healthier lives."

The Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC) will appear as a simple computer and monitor on a rolling kiosk at Carl Albert. However, the vast medical knowledge CHIC can instantly dispense is revolutionary in its comprehensive nature. Attendants will be on hand to assist patients and family members search the data for specific information about a medical condition, symptoms, toxicology reports, clinical trials and much more.

CHIC is the local conduit for

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**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
April 20, 2007**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Pro Tempore Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the absence of Chairperson Scott Colbert.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Members absent: Tim Colbert, Scott Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Sue Simmons, Barbara Goodman, Michael L. Wingo, Jessie Kemp, Melissa Walker, Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, William Murray, James A. Humes

Secretary Pro Tempore

Chairperson Pro Tempore Briggs appointed Dr. Judy Goforth Parker to serve as Secretary Pro Tempore for the meeting. All members were in favor of the appointment.

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - March 16, 2007

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve the March 16, 2007 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2007 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 24-005, Amendments to Title 16, Section 16-109 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Members and Officers: General Provisions)

This resolution amends Title 16, Section 16-109 to provide for the absences of the Chairperson and/or the Secretary during Committee of the Whole meetings, legislative sessions and committee meetings.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Green to approve PR24-005.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve PR24-005 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 24-027, Support for Acquisition of Stock of a Corporation located in Pontotoc County

This resolution supports the Chickasaw Nation in the acquisition of all of the outstanding shares of stock of RSE Enterprises, Inc. ("RSE"). Approximately 10,000 shares of stock are available and comprise the entire corporation. RSE corporate assets include 30.1 acres MOL of real property of which 26 acres MOL is located in the 400 block of Arlington Street in Ada immediately adjacent to the Chickasaw Headquarters campus. The property includes a building of approximately 358,101 square feet that is subject to certain leases, an expansive parking lot and a railroad spur. The other 4.1 acres MOL is located near the 3100 block of Arlington Street and is adjacent to real property and building owned by the Chickasaw Nation and utilized as a alcohol/substance abuse program.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR24-027.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

9 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR24-027 carried.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 24-028, Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. This property has been leased by the Division of Commerce and contains the security and surveillance staff. The lease was coming due and the option to buy was exercised. The property is located at 231 E. 10th Street and used as a security and surveillance location.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-028.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

Member voting no: Donna Hartman

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR24-028 carried.

General Resolution 28-029, Quit Claim Deed for the Purpose of Clearing Title Defect

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to issue a Quit Claim Deed to real property in Choctaw County, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-029.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

Member voting no: Donna Hartman

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR24-028 carried.

General Resolution Number 24-029, Quit Claim Deed for the Purpose of Clearing Title Defect

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to issue a Quit Claim Deed to real property located in Choctaw County, Oklahoma for the purpose of clearing title defect.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-029.

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Bill Anoatubby
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Chickasaw history of government affirms sovereign status

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

As one of the largest and most progressive tribes in the country, the Chickasaw Nation has grown to become a leader in Native America. Our tribe was, of course, established long before the beginnings of the United States. The Chickasaw people lived and flourished in the Southeastern homelands prior to Removal in 1838. We then survived countless attempts at assimilation, expatriation and outright elimination to emerge bigger, stronger and more dynamic than ever.

It is a testament to the Chickasaws who have come before us that modern Chickasaws have entered this expansive and exciting time in tribal history. The Chickasaw people, we all know, absolutely refused to relinquish tribal traditions, history and practices. Of great importance was the people's insistence on

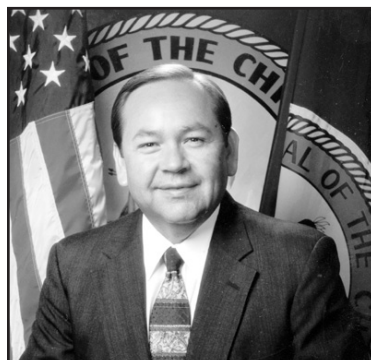
maintaining and continuing the authority of their tribal government. This was a remarkably prescient stand by the Chickasaw people, and it has meant everything to us as modern Chickasaws.

We talk a lot about sovereignty in relation to the Chickasaw Nation. Sovereignty is the linchpin of all we do as a tribe because it recognizes the historical reality of our existence as a government long before contact with European explorers.

Sovereignty is defined in Webster's as "supreme and independent political authority." This authority was long-standing among the Chickasaw Nation and the many other tribes which operated independent governments in what is now the United States.

The U.S. Constitution, as drafted and later ratified, recognizes Indian tribes as sovereign.

In Article I, Section 8, clause 3 of the Constitution, the new



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

U.S. government is empowered "to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes." This important clause did not create tribal sovereignty, but did presume sovereignty based on the recognition of the longstanding nature of tribal governments, on par with foreign nations.

The American judicial foundations of tribal sovereignty can be traced to the important 1831 U.S. Supreme Court case, *Cherokee Nation v. Georgia*. In this case,

Chief Justice John Marshall wrote, "the condition of the Indians in relation to the United States is perhaps unlike that of any other two people in existence," – "a relation...marked by peculiar and cardinal distinctions which exist nowhere else."

Just one year later, in *Worcester v. Georgia*, Chief Justice Marshall wrote that the Cherokee Nation was "a distinct community, occupying its own territory...in which the laws of Georgia can have no force," and "the whole intercourse between the United States and this nation...is vested in the government of the United States."

These decisions affirmed what we, as Chickasaws, already knew – that Indian tribes possessed well-established sovereignty long before the United States came to exist. The decisions also established that states had no power over tribes, and that the United States had a trust responsibility to the tribes.

Members of Congress, legal

scholars, politicians and others debate tribal sovereignty at length. Our cherished sovereign status can appear to be a complicated thing when all the areas of discussion are contemplated.

But for us, our inherent tribal sovereignty is simple and just. For generations, our people created communities, provided for the common defense, completed treaties and agreements with other tribes, took care of each other and operated their own government. A quick perusal of Chickasaw history is all it takes to recognize a well-established nation and government, accountable to the people being served.

We have now entered a modern era featuring jet travel, instant communications, and societies moving at an ever faster pace.

All of that simply reinforces the fact that the Chickasaw Nation is a unique and sovereign entity, and its people treasure their culture, traditions and history.

Federal Indian policy influenced by Chickasaw participation

By **JEFFERSON KEEL**
Lieutenant Governor
The Chickasaw Nation

Federal Indian policy has produced many twists and turns over the generations.

One very important reason for many of the missteps the federal government has taken in previous years is the fact that there was little or no policy advice or consent sought from Indians and Indian tribes. This may seem an obvious oversight, but that's the way things were for many years.

Now, things have changed.

The Chickasaw Nation enjoys a reputation, among both tribes and the federal government, as a progressive, successful and pragmatic tribe. That reputation is the result of the hard work and perseverance of the Chickasaw people and our tribal leaders.

In order to protect our tribal sovereignty and our treaty rights, we know it is essential that the Chickasaw Nation be a strong and active contributor to federal Indian policy. We do this not only for Chickasaws, but for Indian people across the country.

Both Gov. Anoatubby and I serve on numerous boards and committees related to Indian policy and government activity that affects the lives of Indian people.

Gov. Anoatubby, of course, has the tremendous responsibility of serving as chief executive of the Chickasaw Nation. He also serves on the U.S. Trust Advisory Board and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. On the Trust Advisory Board, Gov. Anoatubby deals with important issues related to federal trust obligations to the tribes, and the allocation of resources required under federal law and treaty rights.

On the Healthcare Authority, he helps set policy for state agencies. He also works on the critical issues of medical research and Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. These are tremendously important issues because decisions made here affect the health and lives of hundreds of thousands of Indian people.

Gov. Anoatubby has also served consecutive terms on the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee which establishes rules

by which the Native American Housing Assistance and Development Act (NAHASDA) is governed.

In addition to my duties as Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, I serve as first vice president of the National Congress of American Indians, an organization that represents about 70 per cent of American Indians and Alaska Natives across the country. I also serve as co-chair of the Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee.

I have been selected by Oklahoma tribal leaders to represent the Oklahoma City area, which consists of 44 tribes in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, in federal budget development and negotiations. I have served on the federal and tribal Negotiated Rulemaking Committee that developed the rules by which Title V of the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act is governed. I also serve on the board of the National Indian Child Welfare Association.

In these roles, I am heavily



Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, left, and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael Leavitt.

involved in development and shaping of federal policy that affects all Indian programs and funding.

Shaping and promoting proper, fair and progressive federal Indian policy is of tremendous importance to all Indian people. The future and survival of our nation depends on the good and thorough planning by our leaders.

The progress our nation has achieved is the result of competent, dedicated and confident leadership. We have realized significant gains, and we have protected and preserved our

valuable resources. It is imperative we continue to plan for the future by setting realistic and achievable goals. Once we determine our proper direction, we must set and maintain our course.

Good and progressive federal Indian policy is one important piece of the overall plan for our survival, and our achievements.

The Chickasaw Nation is now flourishing, and we have reason to take great pride in the accomplishments of our people and the progress of our nation.

Our future is bright!

Summer youth program offers great job experience



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care

Committee! Welcome to Summer, 2007. So far the weather has been cool and lots of rain here in Ada. We pray that it remains that way for the entire summer.

This is the time of year that the Executive Department and Legislature are preparing the budget for Fiscal Year 2008. The primary topic is, of course, the new hospital. We should expect that not very many new programs will be developed until the hospital is up and running. However, we do expect that the current level of programs will be maintained throughout this time period.

During the Health Care Committee meeting on May 7, Ad-

ministrator Bill Lance reported that the groundbreaking for the new hospital should be in September of this year. That momentous occasion will all give us good enthusiasm for the completion of the project.

The Summer Youth Program will be in full swing the first week of June. As usual, it will be the first time for many of our youth to seek employment and experience the work place. We all hope that they have positive experiences as well as assist the Nation with their efforts.

We are all taking pride in the Chickasaw White House in Emet, Oklahoma, as it is now completely restored and is open to the public. As you know, it

was the residence of Governor Douglas Johnston, the Chickasaw Governor at time of statehood who served the Chickasaw Nation until 1939. The town of Emet was named after my great uncle. I have purchased a memorial brick for my grandmother Mary Isabel Cornelia Victor Kennedy, his sister.

Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: for the month of April, 2007, there were 217 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 14,608. April Emergency Room visits were 1,120. April saw 263 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 3,618 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,297 patients in April. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,213 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,160. The Durant Clinic saw 2,220 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,421 in April.

May God bless each of you readers and the Chickasaw Nation. I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Services both inside the Nation, At-Large are growing



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello, Everybody!

Reading the classified ads the other day I noticed a farm produce seller advertising his vegetables. His ad also advised that he accepted "Chickasaw vouchers."

I started thinking about the services we offer that help in small ways but add up to a better comfort zone for our seniors. All winter we deliver firewood once a month to a large number of people, and on a continuing basis we help seniors with their housekeeping, their yard care and minor repairs around their homes. Our transportation department is one of our greatest unsung heroes in the Nation: they do such a great job of helping our seniors and our ill and/or disabled citizens get to their healthcare. And our CHR's who

visit our seniors no matter the location of their homes – those home representatives keep tabs on the welfare of our seniors!

Last Friday the Administration presented the 2008 fiscal year budget to the Legislature. It was an extraordinarily interesting occasion and so many services were mentioned that we do not really "forget about" but maybe we don't keep them in the front of our mind. We do offer counseling on many levels, individual and family; we have a psychiatrist for individual counseling as well as other licensed counselors; we offer counseling for addictive behavior in many areas; we have a rehab center with a high rate of success and so much more. Each department head presented the budget for his/her department with power point presentations and we were encouraged to ask questions if we so desired. Many, many services are available to us as Chickasaws and as people we are incredibly blessed and fortunate.

And we are adding services all the time. As we continue to upgrade within the boundaries of the Nation we are also placing great emphasis on ways to offer services to our citizens outside the Nation. Most noteworthy is the ability of our citizens outside the boundaries to receive their medications through our phar-

macy service area.

We have been attending many award ceremonies for our graduating students. Such bright,

bright futures. And I am so thankful for the assistance the Tribe is able to be to them.

I hope your summer is off to a

good start and if you travel, do so safely!

God bless you!

Linda Briggs

Graduations a great sign our students are educated, launching new careers



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Congratulations Seniors.

I know that many of you are graduating from high schools and colleges across the Chickasaw Nation, and I am congratulating you in your accomplishments. I too have graduates in my home, but they have are graduating from their freshmen years.

My son just finished his first year of college. To me, this is an

accomplishment. Adjusting to that first year of college successfully is quite an ordeal, and I am really proud of him. I know that there are parents, friends, and family members that are proud of you as well. Your goals have been reached to this point, and I encourage you to plan new goals at this juncture of our life.

My daughter Mahate just finished her first year of medical school from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota. That is a really far way from Oklahoma, and she may be one of two or three Chickasaw in North Dakota, but she made it through a first winter of 40 degrees below and lots of snow.

Mahate is in a program called INMED, which stands for Indians into Medicine. She and six other Native American students are in this program along with a host of other students. I admit that I am proud of all of you. You are probably aware of the value that I place on education.

The Chickasaw Nation is do-

ing more for our students than I believe most tribes are willing to contribute. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities that we offer to students who pursue college, vocational school, or junior college educations.

I must also apologize. My web site is STILL under construction. As soon as the building is finished, I will send out an address.

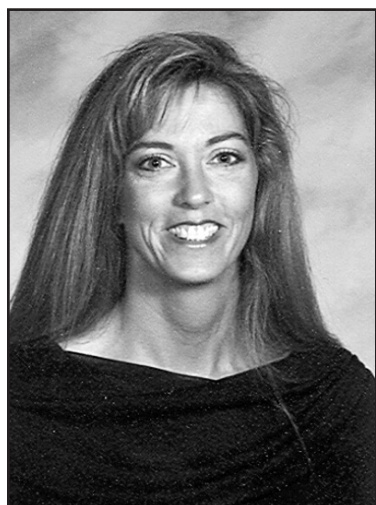
Have a great summer. Hope to see you at Kullihoma this summer or at the Festival in the fall.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Chickasaw Legislator
Pontotoc District, Seat 2



Wellness the best investment for those seeking healthy life



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

There comes a point in your life when you wake up and realize that you are not getting any younger and a little exercise might make you feel better. For the past few months I have been attending the Choctaw Wellness Center in Durant, Oklahoma. I made several excuses of why I could not exercise. You know them: I don't have the time, I'm too tired, and I don't have anyone to go with me. The first time I actually went and was on my own (they take you around for the first couple of times) I was doing a fast walk on the treadmill. After I had been walking for a few minutes, who should show up on the elliptical trainer next to me? The guy that is at every exercise place — "Mr.

In Shape and I can run all day without breaking a sweat!" To my fast crawl on the treadmill, he was triple timing me on the elliptical trainer wearing a long sleeved hoodie. Right then I realized that I was way out of shape and if I ever hoped to keep up with bargain shopping or future grandbabies I had better get serious about exercise! Would you believe that I am actually starting to enjoy the experience? I see people of every shape, size and age.

Just last week I was in Ada for Legislative meetings and decided to drop by the Chickasaw Wellness Center and look into the Moccasin Trail Program. I visited with Ms. Anona McCullar, Program Coordinator for the Moccasin Trail. It is an incentive exercise program for all who are interested in a healthier lifestyle. I like the fact that you get credit toward ANY exercise you do such as dancing, biking, bowling, and gardening, anything that requires you to move parts of your body.

Which now brings me to bragging time for one of the Panola District citizens, Mr. Rastus Love. Mr. Love was one of the first participants in the Moccasin Trail Program to complete 1,000 miles. How did he get so many miles logged in? By doing what every good cattle man does

—check his cattle morning and evening! For his accomplishment Mr. Love received a new pair of tennis/walking shoes. Sound interesting? Check it out. Contact Ms. Anona McCullar @ (580) 436-3980 Ext. 83301. You don't have to live within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries to participate in this program.

I want to encourage you to join me in getting in better shape.

Neurocare update. As you have found out if you have tried to call and get an appointment, the machine is not yet available for the public. The Diabetic Care Center and Board of Physicians are busy developing protocol and procedure for use of the Neurocare Machine. I believe this equipment can make a difference for many of our Native American people. I am more than ready to see this service for all our citizens. If you have any questions about Neurocare please call (580)283-3409 or 1-877-571-3599 or email bethalexander22@hotmail.com.

The Chickasaw West Annual Gathering in Santee, California went off in fine form. It was so nice to see familiar faces and meet new people. The main event was eating and sharing stories of family history and news of events happening back home in Oklahoma. I am glad

that Sharon Tandy and her crew go to the extra effort to host this event. If you live anywhere nearby you should make plans to attend this enjoyable event next summer.

The mission statement of the Chickasaw Nation is: **Enhancing the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.** I believe with your help and input, together we can do this. Thank you for all your calls and emails.

Being in contact with Chickasaw citizens helps me to better meet your needs.

May you and your family be blessed,

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Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole Meeting

May 14, 2007

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Linda Briggs, Donna Hartman

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

May 14, 2007

Present: Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Linda Briggs
Education Committee

May 7, 2007

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Finance Committee

May 14, 2007

Present: Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Linda Briggs, Dean McManus

Health Committee

May 7, 2007

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Col-

bert

Absent: Dean McManus, Donna Hartman

Human Resources Committee

May 7, 2007

Present: Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Absent: Donna Hartman
Land Development Committee

May 7, 2007

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Legislative Committee

May 7, 2007

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

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CNAsA camp offers Chickasaw students experience in aviation, science, technology



Wanda Blackwood Tippet Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

School is out for the summer, but our tribal education programs continue throughout the entire year.

One of our most unique

and important summer youth camps in the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNAsA) camp. Each year, Chickasaw students with an interest and aptitude in math and science learn about the dynamics of flight, and the careers available to students once they finish their college training.

Our students gain valuable hands-on experience and knowledge about aviation, aerospace history and technology. The students also have the great experience of flying in a single-engine aircraft.

As Gov. Anoatubby has said, we are seeking to create an environment that encourages young people to consider careers in science and technology. There is

so much growth in those career areas, and tying the students' interest in science to aviation makes the camp all the more interesting.

Many students enter CNAsA with only a fleeting interest in the subject matter. However, most leave the camp with greatly enhanced interest and a desire to pursue science, technology and aviation further.

In the past, the campers have enjoyed a visit from our own Cmdr. John Herrington (USN, ret.), a military pilot and former Space Shuttle astronaut. Having the opportunity to talk with a real Chickasaw aviator and astronaut helps our students place themselves in the frame of mind to really succeed!

Notice Public Budget Hearing 2007 Tribal Budget

Thursday, June 28, 2007 - 7 p.m.
Chickasaw Community Center
700 N. Mississippi - Ada, Okla.



May 2007 Resolutions

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

General Resolution Number 24-030

Oil and Gas Lease in Pushmataha County

(Tribal Tract No. 869)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of T.S. Dudley Land Company, Inc., 5925 North Robinson Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, has submitted an acceptable bid of \$105 per acre for a total bonus of \$525.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$131.25, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as an undivided ½ mineral interest in and to the NE/4 NE/4 SW/4 of Section 33, Township 2 South, Range 17 East, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma, containing 10.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$15.00 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$3.75 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 24-031

Oil and Gas Lease in Hughes County

(Tribal Tract No. 188-A)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, Inc., 110 West 7th, Suite 1300, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119, which has submitted an acceptable bid of \$710.91 per acre for a total bonus of \$25,159.11, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$6,289.78, on property belonging to the Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations described as Lots 11 and 12 of Section 19, Township 6 North, Range 10 East, less and except 20.50 acres described as follows: Beginning at the ¼ section corner between Sections 19 and 30, Township 6 North, range 10 East; thence East on Section line 1671 feet; thence North 45 degrees 0 minutes West 317 feet; thence North 62 degrees 30 minutes West 1631 feet, more or less to a point of intersection with the

West line of said Lot 11, thence South along said West line 978 feet, more or less to a point of beginning, Hughes County, Oklahoma, containing 35.39 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$106.17 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$26.54 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 24-032

Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

(Tribal Tract Nos. 1052 ½ A & 1052 ½ B)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, P.O. Box 18496, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154-0496, which has submitted an accept-

able bid of \$433.50 per acre for a total bonus of \$24,926.25, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$6,231.56, on property belonging to the Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations described as an undivided ½ mineral interest in and to the SE/4 NE/4 NE/4; S/2 NE/4; W/2 NE/4 NE/4 NE/4; W/2 NE/4 NE/4 of Section 33, Township 2 North, Range 14 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 115.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$172.50 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$43.13 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 24-033

Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

(Tribal Tract - McAlester Watershed)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of Antero Resources Corporation, 1625 17th Street, 3rd Floor, Denver, Colorado 80202, which has submitted an acceptable bid of \$1,071.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$171,360.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$42,840.00, on property belonging to the Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations described as the NW/4 of Section 23, Township 6 North, Range 14 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 160.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$480.00 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$120.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 24-034

Oil and Gas Lease in Pushmataha County

(Tribal Tract No. 154)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of T.S. Dudley Land Company, Inc., 5925 North Robinson Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, which has submitted an acceptable bid of \$105.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$525.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$131.25, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as an undivided ½ mineral interest in and to the SW/4 SW/4 NE/4 of Section 24, Township 3 South, Range 15 East, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma, containing 10.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$15.00 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$3.75 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 24-036

Authorization for Acquisition of Property in Marshall County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, described as follows:

A part of Lot 11 in Block 5 of D.B. Taliaferro Acres, City of Madill, Marshall County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 11, thence S 67°E 17'28" W a

2006-2007 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

<u>Pontotoc District</u> Seat #	<u>Pickens District</u> Seat #	<u>Tishomingo District</u> Seat #
1. Holly Easterling 105 Thompson Drive Ada, OK 74820 (580) 399-4002 hollye@cableone.net	1. David Woerz P.O. Box 669 Ardmore, OK 73402 (580) 504-0160	1. D. Scott Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3960
2. Judy Parker P.O. Box 2628 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-3840	2. Donna Hartman HC 66, Box 122 Overbrook, OK 73448 (580) 226-4385	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 993-2818
3. Katie Case 14368 County Road 3597 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 421-9390	3. Linda Briggs 400 NW 4th Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-3493	3. Steven Woods Route 1, Box 430A Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3523
4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Wanda Blackwood Scott Route 1, Box 42 Elmore City, OK 73433 (580) 788-4730 scottides@telepath.com	<u>Panola District</u> Seat #
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409



See *Resolutions*, page 42

Boarding schools reunion set for June 23 in Ada

Rock Academy, Jones Academy, Chilocco, Carlisle, Carter Seminary, Riverside, Sequoyah, Bloomfield, Goodland, Burney Academy and Haskell are familiar names to students, alumni and their family members.

These schools have had a significant impact on the lives of students and family members for generations.

A June 23 reunion at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada will provide students and family members the opportunity to share memories, renew friendships and honor loved ones.

The reunion is intended to honor boarding school students and celebrate the survival of Chickasaw language and culture through the boarding school era.

Dozens of students and family members have written and spoken about the boarding school experience as part of a project to create a video to be shown during the reunion. Many of these schools discouraged or banned Native languages for decades in the late 1800s and well into the 1900s.

Some former students have shared that many of the elders of the time may have actually agreed with the policy of not permitting Native languages at the schools.

Several former students who are elders today explain that some parents or grandparents who spoke Chickasaw would not teach the language to their children or grandchildren.

Because of the rapid changes in society, many elders in that tumultuous time believed it more important to learn English than to retain Chickasaw or other Native languages.

Through the years some of those individuals had a change of heart and began working to preserve the language.

Others worked continually to preserve and teach the language.

Suppression of Native languages through the pressures of society and the boarding school experience is a fact of history.

Nevertheless, Chickasaw language and culture did survive and many students and family members believe the positive aspects of the experience outweighed the negatives.

One of the children of James Wenonah Paul Gunning wrote that her mother had "wonderful" experiences at Bloomfield Academy in the 1920s.

"I think it's important to say that Bloomfield Academy was an outstanding school, and young Indian girls were sent there, my mother included, not to 'civilize' them, but to give them a better education than they could get in public schools where they lived."

Tewanna Jann Anderson, who attended Carter Seminary from 1958 to 1960, wrote that the staff at Carter Seminary made students "feel special."

"Over all my experience at Carter Seminary was a feeling of security, which came from

a genuine caring staff that provided some important needs in our lives during this time away from our parents."

Elsie Ruth Johnson, who attended Carter Seminary from 1947 to 1953, wrote "my most beloved memories were at Carter."

Her memories included not only the living skills and education she gained there, but field trips, piano concerts, basketball games taking part in the town parade and many other activities.

Ms. Johnson said a photo of Wisteria Cottage published in the 2007 Chickasaw calendar "brought back many good memories."

The boarding school reunion

Reunion to feature compilation of school photos, memories

Information on more than 40 Chickasaw students who attended boarding schools has been compiled as part of preparations for a June 23 reunion at the Chickasaw Community center in Ada, Okla.

The reunion will honor boarding school students and celebrate the survival of Chickasaw language and culture through the boarding school era.

Students and relatives have submitted photos and information spanning more than a century of boarding school experiences from at least eight schools.

This information includes at least one student who attended Bloomfield Academy from 1890 through 1908.

Students who are currently attending Sequoyah High School and Riverside High School have also submitted information and are expected to attend.

Carter Seminary, Chilocco, Haskell, Jones Academy and Goodland Indian Academy are also expected to be represented by students or family members.

Stories, photos and memorabilia will be shared during the reunion.

A number of Chickasaws have also spoken about their experiences for a video presentation which will be shown at the event.

Chickasaws who have attended boarding schools or family members of those who have attended boarding schools are being asked to participate in interviews during the reunion.

These oral histories and other information gathered at the reunion will help preserve the history of the boarding school experience for students, family members and future generations.

Event organizers are urging Chickasaws of all ages to participate in this event.

Family members are asked to share the name, school information and years of attendance for any Chickasaw citizens who have attended or are attending tribal or BIA boarding schools.

Organizers are also asking family members to share memories of boarding school experiences as well as any photos of Chickasaws at tribal or BIA boarding schools from all time periods.

Photos will be scanned and returned to the owner.

This information will help in creating a list of Chickasaw boarding school students, a photo gallery of their experiences and a video documentary including interviews with board-

ing school students and family members to preserve those memories for generations to come.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Boarding School Student Information

(Please submit a separate form for each student.)

Name of student: _____

Name of School: _____

Location of School: _____

Dates attended: _____ to _____

Number of photos submitted (if any): _____

Contact information – Photos returned to this address:

Name: _____

Street address: _____

Apartment number: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Location of each photo:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
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Names of individuals in each photo (left to right):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
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8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

(Please list information for additional photos on a separate page.)

For more information contact Lori Hamilton or Chenae Casady at (580) 421-7711.

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Chickasaw Citizens

See Boarding school era event, page 13

Advocates assist with filings; peacemaking a tradition



Barbara Smith
Supreme Court Chief Justice

Chukma!

Greetings from the Supreme Court Justices: Chief Justice Barbara Smith, Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred and Mark Colbert. It's an exciting time of growth and expansion in the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch and I always look forward to sharing our progress with you!

Chickasaw Nation District Court/Court Advocates

Until recently, Chickasaw citizens and clients needing assistance with case filing traveled to Ada to utilize the services of the Court Advocates. However, we are expanding our services and offering advocate services once per week at the Purcell Regional Office on Wednesdays. We continue seeking ways to improve our services and believe this addition will help to serve more people.

Court advocates are provided by the Judicial Branch to help people with the court process and are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Chickasaw Nation District Court and now also in Purcell. (Coming soon, our court advocate services will also be available in Ardmore once per week). A court advocate will assist citizens with preparation of papers for Court filing, provide direction on service of the papers, provide information on presenting evidence to state your case before the Court and assist with preparing orders or final decrees to finalize the matter.

To schedule an appointment with a court advocate, please call the Chickasaw Nation District Court. We will do our best to accommodate your needs based on your location. As with any other appointment, call the

District Court to schedule an appointment.

Chickasaw Bar Association

The Chickasaw Bar Association recently held its annual meeting on May 18, 2007 at the beautiful Winstar Golf Course in Thackerville. We were so pleased to see 39 attorneys from across Oklahoma attend our annual meeting. Some ventured in from as far away as Pawhuska and Tulsa and we appreciate the effort. Attorneys attending the meeting were credited with 3.5 hours of CLE (continuing legal education) credit with one hour of ethics.

Presenters at this year's meeting were Judge Dustin Rowe, Chickasaw Nation District Court; Karen Thomas, Attorney for the Chickasaw Nation Child Support Enforcement; Stephanie Hudson, Attorney for Oklahoma Indian Legal Services; and Dan Murdock, General Counsel for the Oklahoma Bar Association. We've received great feedback and thank each of you for your contributions.

In addition to the quality presentations, we were treated to one of the best barbecue lunches I've had in some time compliments of the wonderful staff at Winstar Golf Course and Bank2. Before concluding the conference, new Chickasaw Bar Association officers were elected. They are Lisa Impson, Chair; Aaron Duck, Vice-Chair; and Jennifer Barnes-Kerns, Secretary. Congratulations to each of you. We would also like to thank Matthew Morgan for his service as outgoing Chair of the Chickasaw Bar Association.

The attorneys were then dismissed for the day to either try their luck in the Winstar Casino or participate in the Chickasaw Bar Association's Inaugural Golf Tournament. If you've not taken the time to visit Thackerville for some challenging golf and quality entertainment, I strongly urge you to make the trip. Winstar is a wonderful venue for entertainment and golf, and a wonderful place to gather for a conference. Winstar is a must-see!

On behalf of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court, I would like to extend a sincere "Chukmoshki" to everyone that made the Chickasaw Bar Association Annual Meeting such a great success. Many thanks to the

wonderful staff at Winstar Golf Course & Casino, Bank2, Microtel Inn & Suites, Mrs. Lisa Impson, Mr. Matthew Morgan and the Judicial Branch staff for making this such a wonderful event. As much as we enjoyed this year's meeting, we're already anticipating what next year holds. With an enrollment of 140 Bar members (and growing), you can understand our enthusiasm.

If you would be interested in obtaining the CLE materials presented at the Chickasaw Bar Association Annual Meeting,

please call the Supreme Court. To learn more about the Chickasaw Bar Association or to become a member, please visit us online at www.chickasaw.net.

Peacemaking Court

Peacemaking is our traditional means of resolving conflict and enables all people involved in the dispute the opportunity to heal themselves. As with our elders, participants gather in a circle to remind us that we are all equals and all participants. The Peacemakers help people remember how to talk to one another and, more importantly,

how to listen to one another.

If you find you may be in need of these services, please call Jason Burwell, Judicial Clerk, and he will assist you with applying for the Peacemaking Court.

As always, I invite you to come and visit the courts and meet the staff. We encourage you to look to the Judicial Branch as the forum for redress for your conflicts and your legal needs. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Supreme Court at (580) 235-0281/1-800-479-1455 or the District Court at (580) 235-0279 or 800-479-1459.

Youth Southeastern Art Show set

Young artists from Southeastern and Woodland tribes have a unique opportunity to create works and build their professional portfolio for a groundbreaking art show and market October 4 - 6.

The 2007 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) presents an incredible event for budding artists to impact the art world in a competitive exhibit hosted by the Chickasaw Nation as a part of the 47th Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and 19th Annual Festival in Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Conducted adjacent to the adult art show and market on the grounds of the tribe's beautiful historic capitol, the competitive exhibit is open to Southeastern and Woodland tribal youths who will be entering grades 9-12 in the fall of the 2007-2008 school year. Younger artists are also able to experience the wonderful diversity of the historic cultures of the professional artists during this special annual event.

"This competition is an exciting opportunity for young artists to express their creativity and share it with others," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "They can experience a future in art while developing strong contacts in the professional art world."

Participants are eligible to submit up to 2 pieces of artwork in two categories of their choice (four total entries) for this juried competition. The categories include: two dimensional - painting, drawing, graphics, photography, two dimensional open; three dimensional - sculpture,

pottery, three dimensional open; cultural - beadwork / quill work, basketry, traditional dress, flutes, drums, adornments to regalia (dress); jewelry - inlaid stone, bead; textiles - weavings; and miniatures - must be 4.5 inches or less and a functional piece.

Those ten artists who earn top honors in the two-dimensional, three-dimensional, cultural, jewelry, textiles or miniatures categories will each receive a commemorative medal saluting individual awards of excellence and \$100. All entrants will receive certificates of participation.

All entries will be displayed October 5 - 6 and the winners will be announced at 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, October 6, during the Chickasaw Festival activities in the SEASAM tent on the grounds of the historic capitol.

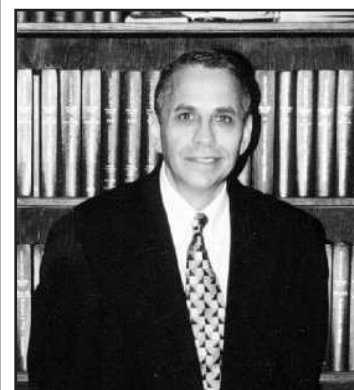
"Our division works to create and implement current and

future opportunities for artists," Lona Barrick, Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities administrator, said. "Competitive exhibits like this offer our tribal youth the chance to realize their dreams of becoming artists and will spark their imaginations for what the future can hold."

Interested artists are encouraged to complete an application packet containing an official entry form, biographical information and artwork specifications by Saturday, September 1, 2007. Applications are available online at www.chickasaw.net.

Inquiries may be directed to SEASAM youth art competition chair and arts in education manager Laura Morrison, SEASAM chair Trina Jones or special projects director Julie Burwell at (580) 272-5520 or by e-mail by at laura.morrison@chickasaw.net, trina.jones@chickasaw.net or julie.burwell@chickasaw.net.

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Exhibit, market draws unique school of artists

Southeastern and Woodland artists featured at Chickasaw Festival

Southeastern and Woodland tribal artists from across the nation are cordially invited to showcase their extraordinary talents at the 2007 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM). The competitive exhibit, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation, will begin Thursday, October 4 and conclude Saturday, October 6 as a part of the 47th Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival in Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

The outside market offers Southeastern and Woodland artists the opportunity to showcase and market their work on the beautifully restored grounds of the historic Chickasaw capitol. This special celebration of fellowship, culture, history, dance

and art brings visitors from throughout the region.

Each artist may enter up to two pieces of artwork in two categories of their choice (four total entries). Those artists who earn top honors in the two-dimensional, three-dimensional, cultural and best in show will each receive a specially designed commemorative gold medal. Artists winning first place in each category will receive a special commemorative bronze medal saluting individual accomplishment. Ribbons will be awarded to second and third place winners. All winners will receive monetary awards.

All winners will be announced Thursday evening, October 4, during the Chickasaw Nation

Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony conducted at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College. Entries will be displayed at a reception immediately following the ceremony.

Categories are defined in the following manner: two dimensional – painting, drawing, graphics, photography, two dimensional open; three dimensional – sculpture, pottery and three dimensional open; cultural – beadwork / quill work, basketry, traditional dress, flutes, drums, adornments to regalia (dress); jewelry – inlaid stone, bead; textiles – weavings and clothing; miniatures – must be 4.5 inches or less and a func-

tional piece.

Chickasaw Nation tribal leaders, employees and citizens are dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Native American culture, history and art and are pleased to extend this invitation to Southeastern artists to share their rich heritage with others. The Annual Meeting and Festival attracts visitors from across the state, nation and world. Last year's festivities drew an estimated 20,000 visitors.

Recognized as an "Outstanding Event" by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association, the annual meeting and festival also earned the honor of receiving the bronze

medal in the Grand Pinnacle Award from the International Festival and Events Association.

Interested artists are encouraged to complete an application packet containing an official entry form, biographical information and artwork specifications by Saturday, September 1, 2007. Applications are available online at www.chickasaw.net.

Inquiries may be directed to Chairperson Trina Jones, arts in education manager Laura Morrison or special projects director Julie Burwell at (580) 272-5520 or by e-mail at trina.jones@chickasaw.net, laura.morrison@chickasaw.net or julie.burwell@chickasaw.net.

Net assets continue to show year-over-year increase

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for

education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending April 30, 2007

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$49.7 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$3.4 million and \$26.5 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of \$82.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for April totaled \$53 million and \$372 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$19 million for the month and \$123 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the

net income was \$51 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At April 30, 2007, the tribal government funds had \$72 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$11.5 million is in

the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$110 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of April 30, 2007, tribe operations, excluding federal

program funding, had assets totaling \$683 million with \$132 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$551 million compared to \$509 million at the end of the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2007 or an increase of \$42 million over the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Seven Months Ended April 30, 2007

Revenues

Transfers from businesses to tribal government
Total funds available

Expenditures

General government
Legislature
Judiciary
Education
Heritage Preservation
Health
Youth and Family Services
Nutrition Programs
Regulatory
Assistance Programs
Transfer to Loan Program
Gaming expense
Other businesses' expense
Total expenditures
Increase in net assets
Beginning net assets
Ending net assets

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	4,711,494	372,947,054	377,658,548
	44,939,652	(44,939,652)	(0)
	49,651,146	328,007,402	377,658,548
	3,884,110		3,884,110
	790,854		790,854
	351,531		351,531
	4,687,332		4,687,332
	1,526,279		1,526,279
	6,469,472		6,469,472
	2,734,778		2,734,778
	1,243,453		1,243,453
	1,711,874		1,711,874
	3,138,902		3,138,902
	-		-
		204,517,749	204,517,749
		71,650,574	71,650,574
	26,538,585	276,168,323	302,706,908
	23,112,561	51,839,079	74,951,640
	212,879,723	263,433,891	476,313,614
\$	235,992,284	315,272,970	551,265,254

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets April 30, 2007

Cash and Investments
Receivables
Inventory
Prepaid expenses
Other Assets
Fixed assets
Less payables
Net Assets

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	72,985,593	110,358,092	183,343,686
	1,098,542	20,197,280	21,295,823
		4,671,188	4,671,188
		9,120,088	9,120,088
		10,778,332	10,778,332
	162,934,258	291,409,714	454,343,972
	(1,026,110)	(131,261,726)	(132,287,836)
\$	235,992,284	315,272,970	551,265,254

Dickson student tops essay contest



Lindsey Wallace

A Chickasaw second-grader recently took top honors in a state essay contest.

Lindsey Wallace, who attends second grade at Dickson (OK) Elementary School, was the winner of the "Happy 100th Birthday, Oklahoma" essay contest. The contest was part of the Oklahoma Celebration of Reading event.

Lindsey received her award in April during a trip to the Lloyd Noble Center at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. She received a certificate, \$25, and a copy of the anthology which contained her essay.

Additionally, Lindsey's second grade class was recognized for its outstanding participation in the Oklahoma Celebration of Reading program.

Lindsey is eight years old. She is the daughter of Kristie Wallace and Nick Mozingo, of Mannsville, Okla. Her grandparents are Joe and Johnnie Wallace, of Dickson.

Dance scholarship winner



Lauri Clark

A Chickasaw girl has recently been awarded a dance scholarship.

Lauri Clark, a fifth-grader at Northwood Grade School in Seminole, Okla., competed in

the L.A. Dance Force May 5 and 6 in Tulsa. Lauri auditioned before several Los Angeles judges and competed along with 40 other dancers. The scholarship will allow Lauri to compete in L.A. Dance Force in Dallas in October.

Lauri's jazz group won gold and her company group won silver during the event.

Lauri is the daughter of Maurice and Krista Clark. She lives in Ada and takes dance class from Stephanie Truett at Dance Dynamix.

Recognized for scholarship



Ryan Walker

A Chickasaw student has recently been recognized for her scholarship.

Ryan Walker, a sophomore at Byng (OK) High School, has received multiple nominations to be listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. She has now qualified for induction into an honor society of gifted students, who receive special recognition and benefits. Only five percent of high school students qualify.

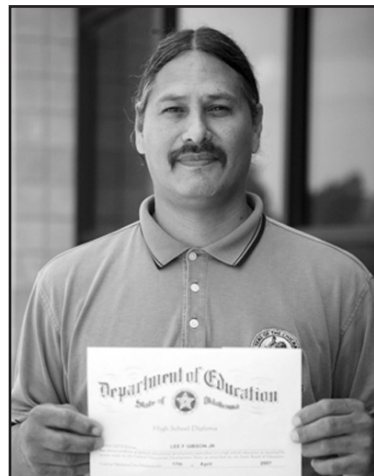
Ryan is 16 and is 15/16 Chickasaw. She plans to become an FBI agent.

She is the daughter of Curtis and Cheryl Walker, and she has one brother, Riley Walker.

Her grandparents are Ruthlene Jones and the late Ralph Walker and the late J.C. and Lois Alexander.

Way to go, Ry Ry!

Earns GED



Nutrition Services would like to congratulate Lee Gibson, Jr. on successfully obtaining his GED. Lee is the maintenance person at the Ardmore Nutrition Services Center.

Student named Indian royalty



Katie Edelman

A Chickasaw girl has been elected to represent her school district as Native American Princess.

Katie Edelman, an eighth-grader at Mayberry Middle School, Wichita, Kan., was crowned Kansas USD 259 Native American Princess during the May 6 End of School Powwow.

In order to be eligible for the honor, Katie had to maintain at least a B grade average, and be active in the local Native American community. She was also required to submit an essay detailing why she would like to represent the school district and wear the crown.

Judging was done by school faculty and a Native Americans' parents group.

Katie first represented the district during the Friends of the Keeper Riverfest XXXVI Powwow in Wichita. Katie represented the district well during the two-day event, May 19 and 20.

Katie is the daughter of Cristina Edelman. Her grandmother is Lynn Stumblingbear, and her great-grandmother is Julia Cheadle Byrd, of Ada, Okla.

Births

Cody Wayne Edwards was born April 20, 2007 at Hermann Memorial Hospital, Woodlands, Texas. He weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz. and measured 21 1/2 inches.

He is the son of Heather and Leo Edwards, Montgomery, Texas. He joins two brothers, Tyler Leon and Dillon Emery.

Cody is the grandson of Gladys and Louis Daniel, Lula, Okla., Louise and Jerry Wayne Norman, Fort Gibson, Okla.,

and Betty and Leon Edwards, Tussy, Okla.

His Chickasaw and Choctaw heritage include his late great-grandparents, Mary Elizabeth Tussy Edwards, Ada Mae Lewis, Tennessee Frazier Nelson and Frank Nelson and his late great-great-grandparents, Lilla Colbert Tussy, Minnie Stick Melville, Ida Noah, Hudson Frazier and Carrie Alexander Frazier.

Customer Service Survey on the web

Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding

tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the \$100 giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in the *Chickasaw Times*.

Moore is winner in \$100 drawing

Congratulations to Tray Moore of Ada, Okla., for winning the drawing for \$100.

Thank you to all who completed our Customer Service Survey through the internet and

remember we will be having our next drawing soon. Hope to hear from each and everyone of you.

To enter go to www.chickasaw.net and click on the link.

Visit Carl Albert gift shop today!

Visit the Carl Albert Hospital Volunteers gift shop. All proceeds are used to purchase items for the hospital that will benefit employees and patients.

The jewelry and crafts are made by Native Americans. Flutes, drums, Pendleton bags, blankets, beaded caps, Choctaw hymnals, CDs, and Bedre candy are a few of the items available.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Lighthorse Police participate in OKC Memorial marathon relay



Lighthorse Police Department personnel ran in the recent Oklahoma City Memorial marathon relay. From left are Phillip Wood, Stephanie Carpenter and George Jesse. Not pictured are Patrick Flickinger and Gypsy Castleman.

Thompsons celebrate 50th



Gene and Vivian Thompson

Gene (Nashoba) and Vivian (Kana hatuk upi homa sipokni hallali) Thompson of Austin, Texas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 1 with family in Fort Worth, Texas.

There are people in this world that call themselves runners. You see them in the parks, on the tracks, running along county roads and highways. Each runner with his own training schedule, his own reason for lacing up running shoes and turning up the i-pod.

Yet on one day in April, thousands of runners come together in downtown Oklahoma City to run for one reason. They run to remember.

On April 29, 2007 the City of OKC hosted the 7th Annual OKC Memorial Marathon. Established by OKC Marathon Inc. to provide financial support towards the mission of the Oklahoma City National Museum, the marathon is a tribute to the victims, family members and survivors of the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

As you walk through the crowd of spectators and runners, you see pictures on t-shirts of loved ones lost that day in April. You see the names of the lost moms, dads, sisters, brothers, on the signs that rise above the crowds. A total of 168 banners line the marathon course, one for each victim. It's a day of remembering and a day to celebrate life.

The race motto is: Realizing the preciousness of time, Valuing one another, Taking life as it comes, and Making something magic from it: Celebrating Life. Five individuals from The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department experienced the Memorial marathon. They woke up before the sun and joined the countless runners, walkers, and survivors at the starting line.

"This was the first time I had ever done anything like this. It was a very exciting experience I would love to do it again." George Jesse, Assistant Chief.

Each individual developed his own training schedule and arrived at the race with his own idea of what lay ahead. In the end, they all left with the same sense of knowing they experienced something life changing.

"Of course it was special for me. I had a heart attack six months prior. I remember getting out of the hospital and not really being able to walk across the house without feeling tired. It was very frustrating and I did not know if I would ever be 100% again. I made myself get out and walk. It was like taking baby steps at first, I kept thinking if Lance Armstrong can overcome cancer and win the Tour de France several

times, I can't let a heart attack seal my fate. Before I knew it I was running like nothing had happened. I thank God for my second chance." Patrick Flickinger, Lighthorse Police Officer.

With an average pace time of 10.01, the five person relay team that represented The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department is as follows: Gypsy Castleman (10K), George Jesse (5K), Stephanie Carpenter (12K), Phillip Wood (5K), and Patrick Flickinger (10K).

"Crossing the finish line as a team was a moment that I won't soon forget but, next year they will have to find someone to take my spot. I want next year's race to be my first marathon. The race and the people are that inspiring." Stephanie Carpenter, Lighthorse Dispatch Supervisor.

Chickasaw to Annapolis



Taylor Hamilton, right, shakes hands with U.S. Naval Academy head football coach Paul Johnson.

A Chickasaw student has recently gained appointment to a U.S. service academy.

Taylor Hamilton, of Leawood, Kan., has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Mr. Hamilton will begin the seven-week "Plebe Summer" beginning June 27. During this introductory period, incoming midshipmen are introduced to seamanship and navigation skills, as well as the physical and mental workload that awaits.

The curriculum requires core classes in engineering, science, the humanities and social sciences, professional and lead-

ership training for Navy and Marine Corps officers and an academic major of choice.

Mr. Hamilton plans to major in Arabic and minor in Spanish. He hopes to join the U.S. Navy Seals.

Mr. Hamilton is also a football player who was recruited by all three service academies. On Feb. 7, he signed with the U.S. Naval Academy. Mr. Hamilton is a 6'3", 235-lb., defensive end.

Mr. Hamilton is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Dennison R. Hamilton, of Leawood. He is the grandson of Frances Chitwood Shumate Carson, of Charleston, Ark.

Citizens At Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Chickasaw in honor society



Tyler Tomson

Tyler Tomson a junior at Allen High School, Allen, Okla., has received an invitation and

joined The National Society of High School Scholars.

The NSHSS recognizes academic excellence and encourages members to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world.

NSHSS offers members with meaningful content, resources and opportunities to help individuals build on academic success and grow the skills and desires to have a positive impact in the global community. Recipients are invited to member events to receive their awards personally from Advisory Board Chair Claes Nobel.

'Flying' new country release



James Townsend

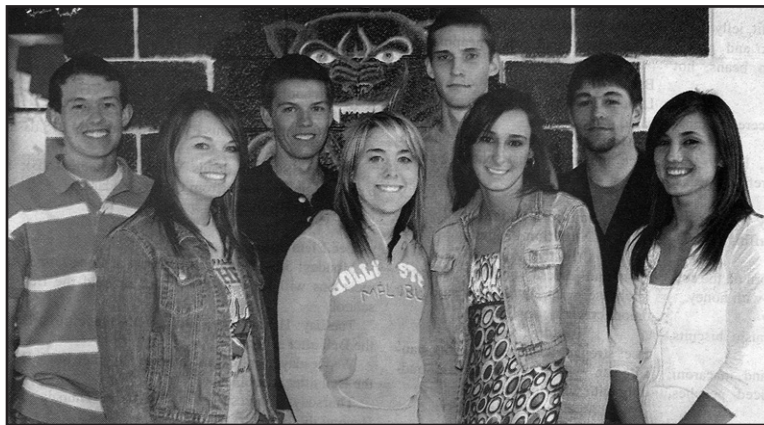
Chickasaw citizen James Townsend has released a country/rock album entitled, "Flying with the Top Down." The album was recorded live at Grant's Rodeo Opry in Oklahoma City.

This mucial collaboration between James and the late Grant Leftwich, a pioneer in promoting Oklahoma country music artists, has been in the making since October of last year.

"I love it and you will too," Ronnie Kay of KOMA radio said. "I can feel the excitement and passion every time he takes the stage," KKing Radio's Lynn Waggner said. "Sit back, turn it up, and hang on for 'Flying with the Top Down.'"

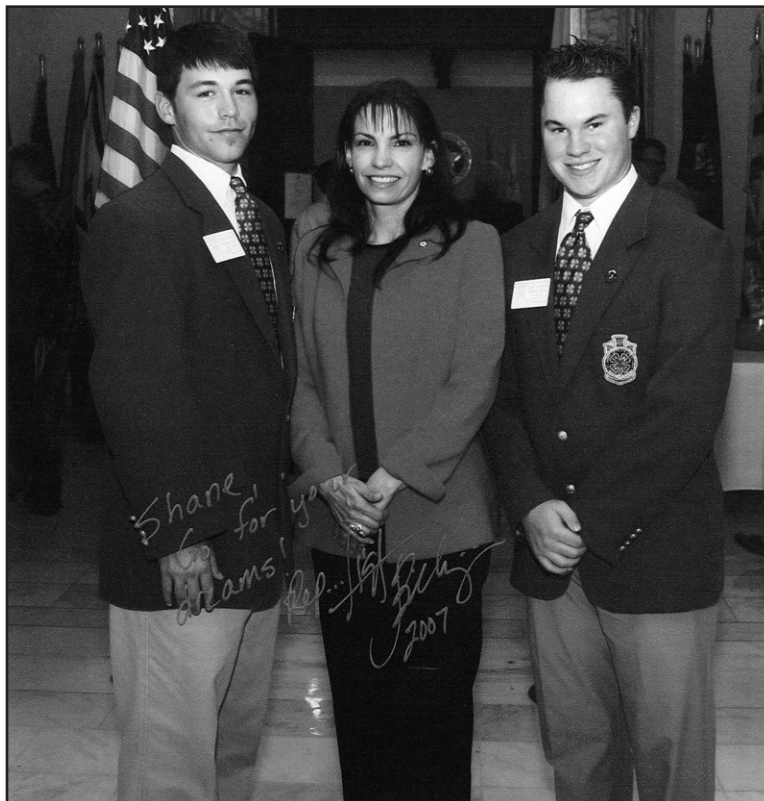
Contact James at dtownsend@hughes.net or check out his next performance at www.rodeoopr.com.

Elected prep Baseball King



Shane Vietzke, back row far right, a Chickasaw and Pauls Valley (OK) High School senior, was recently elected Baseball King at the Spring Sports Coronation.

Chickasaw is 4-H Ambassador



Chickasaw Shane Vietzke, left, recently attended 4-H Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol and enjoyed lunch with State Rep. Lisa J. Billy. They shared information about Chickasaw activities in Garvin County and Garvin County 4-H. Also attending was Gage Leadford, right, of Pauls Valley. Vietzke and Leadford are 4-H State Ambassadors.

Eighth-grader on honor rolls



Paige Miller

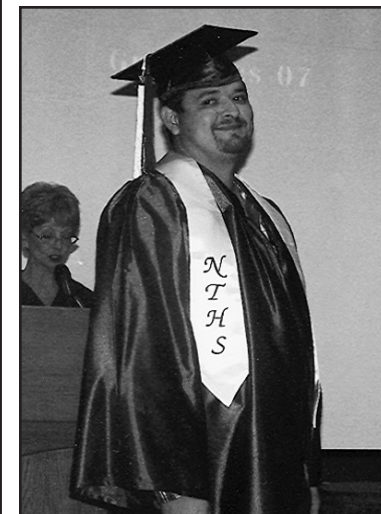
Paige Ann Miller is a 2007 eighth-grade graduate of Ravia Elementary, Ravia Okla. She is the daughter of Tommy and Sherie Miller. She is the grand-

daughter of Lillian Miller, the late Ben Miller, Barbara Pugh the late Frank Watkins and the late Roger Kropp. She has two sisters, Victoria and Julia Miller.

Paige has been on the Governor's Honor Roll, achieved perfect attendance, A & B Honor Roll, a member of STUCO, and Gear Up. She is active in basketball and softball.

Her focus right now is to achieve in high school.

Chickasaw earns honors graduating operator program



Dax Byrd

The family of Dax Byrd is proud of his achievements and accomplishments while attending the Pontotoc Technology Center, Ada, Okla.

He completed the heavy equipment operator program with honors and was named to the National Vo-Tech Honor Society. He is a Skills USA member HEO president and received the Statesman Award.

Big flathead caught at Ardmore Lake



Ed Marris

This 38 lb., 10 oz. flathead catfish was caught by Ed Marris at Ardmore (OK) City Lake on May 12. Ed used a rod and reel using a perch for bait on 30 lb. test line. The big fish pulled Ed's 12-foot aluminum boat around during the fight.



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William and Carmoleta Paul celebrate 65th wedding anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. William L. Paul, Jr.

William L. Paul Jr. and Carmoleta Paul celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary November 27, 2006, and are now contemplating a 66th wedding anniversary in November 2007.

William L. Paul is the son of William L. Paul I, a direct descendant of Smith Paul. William L. Paul is the fifth generation after Smith. He grew up in Elmore City, Okla. He graduated from high school there and attended college at Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater.

Carmoleta grew up in Maysville, Okla., and graduated from high school there. She attended college at East Central University and received her master's degree at East Central.

William and Carmoleta were married November 27, 1941. They made their home at Elmore City. William was called into military service during World War II. Due to being an official, he was called back into active service in the Korean Conflict.

As a result of being held in the reserves, he served about nine years.

William's wife, Carmoleta, and three children, Bilba (now deceased), William L. Paul III and Jimmie Carol remained in Elmore City and graduated from high school there. Carmoleta continued her teaching there. After William returned from the Army service he worked for Phillips Petroleum for several

years. He was later employed by the post office in Pauls Valley until he retired.

All during life their greatest concern for business was farming and cattle. Here they remained until the present time.

Their greatest concern was educating their children and serving the Lord. As a result of this concern, Bill served 25 years as a deacon and elder of the Elmore City Church of Christ.

The three children were educated, active people. Oldest daughter Bilba taught 20 years before her death. Youngest daughter Jimmie Carol lives in Sugarland, Texas and is currently a teacher there. Second child, a son, William I Paul is a former teacher, but currently very well known for writing the book, "Shadow of an Indian Star" which is currently on the market.

Boarding School Era Event, continued from page 8

ing school students of all ages
Please send any relevant information and photos to

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124 East 14th Street
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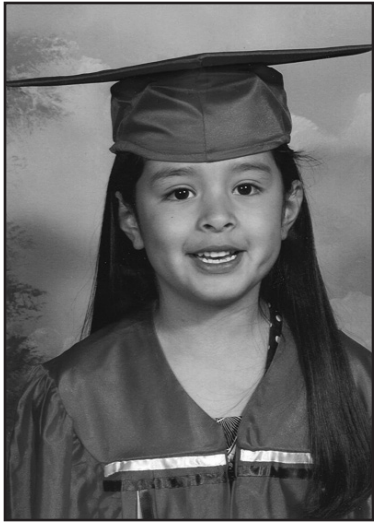
First Name	Middle Name	Maiden Name	Last Name	Years Attended	School
Julia		Cheadle	Byrd	1945	Chilocco
Juanita		Keel	Tate	1928	Chilocco
Overton (Buck)			Cheadle	1935-1938	Chilocco
Calvin (Buck)			Durant	1946	Chilocco
Jimmie	Earle		Keel	1946	Chilocco
Fred			Underwood	1948	Chilocco
James			Edward	1947	Chilocco
Romona	B.		Kale	1924-1927	Bloomfield Academy
Helen	J.		Kale	1926-1927	Bloomfield Academy
Melba	M.		Kale	1926-1930	Bloomfield Academy
Robert	Wesley		Parker	1927-1937	
Junior			Munsell		Chilocco
Erleen		Hawkins	Massey	1943-1948	Carter Seminary
Ethel		Blackwood	Brooksher	1936-1938 / 1938-1941	Carter Seminary / Chilocco
Nina	Lou	Frazier	Crossley	1949-1954	Goodland Indian School
Linnie	Mae		Smith	1942-1947 / 1947-1951	Carter Seminary / Chilocco
Laura		Frazier	Watson	1949-1954 / 1954-1955	Goodland Indian School
Nancy		Frazier	Sinclair	1949-1954	Goodland Indian School
Etna	Geraldine	James	Cooke	1934-1942	Carter Seminary
Margaret		Imotichey	Moore	1940-1943	Carter Seminary
Sampson			Underwood, Jr.	1958-1960	Haskell Institute
Mary	Susan	Brown	Underwood	1956-1960	
Edina			Williams		
Mollie	Sue	Baber	Perry	1945-1951	Sequoyah / Carter Seminary
Curtis			Walker	1977-1980	Carter Seminary
Cheryl	Denise	Alexander	Walker	1975-1982	Carter Seminary
Tewanna	Jann	Anderson	Edwards	1958-1960	Carter Seminary
Pauline	E.		Green	1940-1941	Chilocco
Lillian		Humes	Cole	1942-1943	Chilocco
Sophia			Perry		Bloomfield Academy
Minnie		Barker	Mansell	1890-1908	Bloomfield Academy
Dorene		Carpenter		1949-1950 / 1954	Haskell / Goodland
Beatrice		Carpenter		1950's	Haskell / Goodland
Benjamin			Carpenter	1950's	Goodland Indian School
Wilson	J.		Brown	1941	Jones Academy
Albert			Carpenter	1950's	Goodland Indian School
George			Carpenter	1950's	Goodland Indian School
Pauline		Carpenter	Brown	1947-1952	Goodland Indian School
Aurelia		Chaney	Whiteshead	1995	Carter Seminary
Margaret	Ann		Johnson	1951-1955	Carter Seminary
Elsie	Ruth	Johnson	Ashworth	1947-1953	Carter Seminary
Jared			Walker	2005-2006	Sequoyah High School
Daniel			Walker	2005-2006	Sequoyah High School / Riverside High School
Lynn			Engles		
Verleyne			Omara		
Alma			Keno	1935 & 9/7/36-5/24/39	Carter Seminary & Chilocco Indian School
Simeon			James	??	Santa Clara School
Norma	Jean		Walker	1969-1972	Carter Seminary
Owega	Novalene		Brown		1936 Bloomfield Academy
Morris	Joseph		Maytubby	1918-1931	Goodland Indian School
Frances		Cheadle	Bean	1943-1948	Chilocco
Cecil	C.		Collins	1911-1915	Carlisle Indian School
Johnson	Robert		Perry		1923 Chilocco Indian School
Bob			Foraker		Chilocco Indian School
Mahate		Parker		1/2000 to 5/2000	Carter Seminary
Lonnie	L.		Laxson	1941-1952	Phoenix, AZ
Ben (B.F.)			Willis	1952-1955	Chilocco
Gertrude	Marie	Stewart		1900?-1909?	St. Agnes Academy
Mary	Frances	Love			Burney Academy
Carol	N.	Tims	Kemp	1945-1952/1952-1956	Carter Seminary/Chilocco
Mary		Homer	Ahtone		Sequoyah
Beaulah		Pope	Shavney		Chilocco

Listening Conference



Chickasaw Natasha Black, age six and one-half years, of Allen, Texas, with Gov. Bill Anoatubby. Citizen and Governor met during a recent Listening Conference in Dallas.

Reaching milestones in Head Start



Lauren John

The recent Ada Head Start graduation was a milestone for many children, parents and grandparents. The graduation was also a milestone for the

Chickasaw Nation.

Lauren John has been a student at the Chickasaw child care center from the first day it opened through the May 14 Head Start graduation.

Lisa John, Lauren's mother, said Lauren had been on the waiting list, but an opening enabled her to begin on the first day of operation, Feb. 5, 2002.

Mrs. John said Lauren knows the facility and the staff so well she really feels at home there.

Lauren has learned a great deal and is well prepared to begin school, according to Mrs. John.

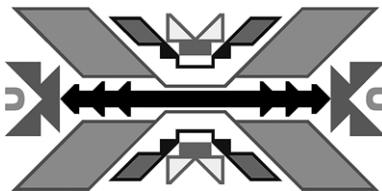
"She's a whiz on the SMART board," said Mrs. John. Her teacher, Ms. Stephens, refers to Lauren as her "technical assistant," she added with a laugh.

Lauren has participated in a number of extra-curricular activities, including the recent Native American Youth language Fair at Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman, Okla.

Lauren's father is Tom John.

Her maternal grandparents are Pauline Brown, Harden City, Okla., and the late Wilson J. Brown.

Her paternal grandparents are the late Judith John and the late Lionel John of Salamanca, N.Y.



Chickasaw police officer graduates from academy



Tupelo (OK) Police Department officer Jamie D. Ellis, a Chickasaw, receives his Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) diploma from James T. Akagi, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent who delivered the commencement address. Officer Ellis received the diploma Feb. 27 in Ada after completing the eight-week police academy.

Chikashsha Anompa (Chickasaw language)

Birthday	Afammi Nittak
Age	Afammi
Breath	foyopa
Alive	okchaya
To awake someone	ok-cha-li
Become awake	okcha
Get up from lying position	tani
Afama	meet
Honkopa	steal
Tikilichi	touch the ends together, press against
Apisa	measure, judge, decide, make a ruling

Hattak sapila tok-at aachompa atta.
The man who helped me lives in town.

Onnakma ona-la-chi.
I'll get there tomorrow.

Kanimikma aachompa aya-li.
Sometimes I go to town.

Apa mat abika-tok.
When he ate it he got sick.

Sholosh himitta ishi-li.
I have new shoes.

Jamie ako apila-la-chi.
It is Jamie I will help.

Ik-san chokmo.
I don't feel well.

Ik-tikahbo.
He didn't get tired

Crew takes tournament title



Chickasaw team members include, Jordan Parnacher (kneeling/middle), Levi Turtle (towel around neck), Trevan Jimboy (middle row, fourth from left) and coach Jerry Parnacher (back row).

Three Chickasaw ballplayers recently competed on a tournament champion team.

Trevan Jimboy, Jordan Parnacher and Levi Turtle, along with coach Jerry Parnacher, played for "Crew" during the Fourth Annual 4Love of the Game All-Indian March Madness high school basketball tournament in Henryetta, Okla. The tournament was played March 21-25.

Crew entered the single-elimination tournament Saturday after emerging unde-

feated in pool play. The team defeated Hanna Community Center, Many Hands (Anadarko, Oklahoma City) and Cheyenne/Arapaho (Frontier).

In the final game, Crew defeated Da Scrubbs (Sequoyah-Tahlequah) 63-60.

The boys returned with many honors. Jimboy was named most valuable player and received a \$1,000 Team Hoyt college scholarship. Parnacher was named top offensive player.

Officer receives academic, shooting honors



Jason Spradlin

Jason Spradlin, a Chickasaw citizen, graduated from the Council on Law Enforcement Education Training (CLEET) class A0-7-01 on April 27. This was the largest class in the history of CLEET with 118 students.

Mr. Spradlin made a historic accomplishment by receiving both the "Highest Academic Honor" award and the "High Shooter" award with a perfect qualifying score.

Mr. Spradlin is currently employed by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department in Shawnee.

He is the son of Jeanie and Purman Jones, of Asher, Okla., and John and Rita Spradlin, of Ardmore, Okla.



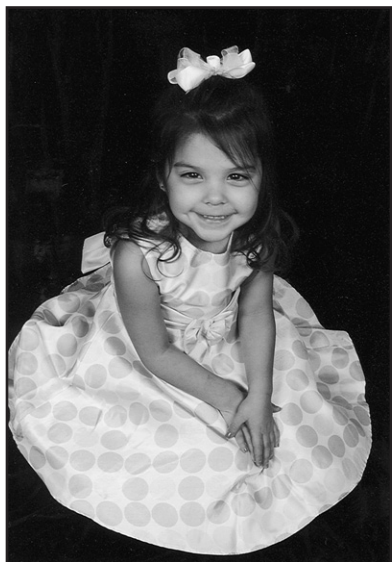
Jacob Keno Stacy Hicks

Jacob Keno Stacy Hicks, 3 months, is the son of Tracey Hicks, Conroe, Texas. He is the grandson of Jonny Stacy Hicks and the great-grandson of Alma Keno Stacy.

He is my miracle child, always smiling and laughing and a joy to behold. He is a blessing from God to share with my grandmother and my dear mother. I was supposedly unable to have children but now I have Jacob. I can't imagine life without him as it was before. He is the best thing that ever happened to me. I hope the best thing I'll ever do is be a good mom like my mom and Nana have been to me. I thank God every day for this precious gift, my son!



Lindsey Keel



Lindsey Keel, 3, is the daughter of Larry and Mary Colbert and Jefferson and Carol Keel.

We are very proud of her for finishing her first year at the Chickasaw Nation Head-start. It has been a tough year for her but she finished and has learned so much.

Lindsey is our pride and joy because she brings so much happiness to our lives. She is the bright spot in our day each and every day.

We love you,
Mommy and Daddy

Sara Dobbs

Sara Dobbs, 9, is the daughter of Glennye Perry and Jason Dobbs. She is the granddaughter of Phillip and Joy Dobbs, Miguel and Virginia Aguilar, and B.J. Perry. She is the great-great granddaughter of the late Casey Perry and John and Pearline Billy.

She is our pride and joy and brings love and happiness to our lives. She enjoys playing video games, riding her bike and playing with her dog "Peewee."

Watching her grow has truly been a great blessing. We love you very much, darling. You are a gift from God and we are thankful that we have you.

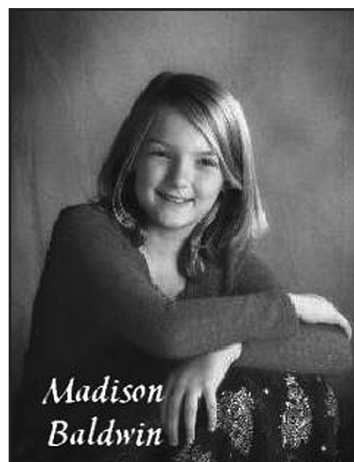
Love,
Your Mom, Glennye



Austen, Madison, Hunter and Chase Baldwin



Austen Baldwin



Madison Baldwin



Hunter Baldwin



Chase Baldwin

Austen, Madison Hunter and Chase Baldwin are the grandchildren of Gene and Vivian Thompson. They are the children of Steve and Melissa Baldwin of Forth Worth, Texas.



Chickasaw named to OU Indian honor roll



Amanda Guerra

A Chickasaw college student has recently qualified for the academic honor roll.

Amanda Guerra was recently inducted into the University of Oklahoma American Indian Honor Society. The AIHS is the only honor society in the country created by American Indian faculty to recognize academic excellence among American Indian students.

Ms. Guerra, a 22-year-old senior, is a broadcast journalism major with a Spanish minor. She is currently serving an internship with CBS in New York.

Ms. Guerra has long-standing

ties to OU. Her grandfather, mother, aunt and uncle are all OU graduates.

Her grandmother, Arlene Hatcher, attended Oklahoma State University. During high school, Mrs. Hatcher's favorite teacher and friend was Lyle Boren, late father of OU president David Boren.

Ms. Guerra is a member of the Society for Advancement of

Chicanos and Native Americans in Science.

Ms. Guerra was recognized along with other OU Indian scholars during the Sixth Annual American Indian Awards Banquet on April 26.

Ms. Guerra is the daughter of Rudy and Nancy Hatcher Guerra, Houston. She has a brother, Andrew, and a sister, Olivia.

Tribal rep in Chickasha June 18

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha, Okla., on June 18 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assis-

tance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

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Sunday, June 10, 2007

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OKC Metro Community Council planning bus trip to homelands area

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council is able to accomplish so many activities because we have numerous people willing to volunteer for all the activities. Our members are dedicated; and, we all have a great time working together. Everyone is invited to join us for the fun and activities.

New members are joining every month; and, several have recently moved into the area from out-of-state. They are excited to find this local gathering of Chickasaws.

Socializing at dinner before each monthly meeting has been

a huge success. Join us at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 5 for a Garden Delight Dinner; and, bring your favorite salad or vegetable dish. Recipes for these wonderful dishes are in high demand after each meal.

Our monthly meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5. Jeanie Anderson, Manager, Office of Strong Family Development has rescheduled to speak at this meeting. She will also conduct a survey to determine services which are needed in this area.

We plan to decorate our meeting room with some precious photos. Each family is requested

to find the oldest known photo of your Chickasaw ancestors; and, have a copy framed. Be sure to include their names and year of the photo either on the frame or on the photo. These shall remind us of their struggle to survive and encourage us to preserve our culture.

An Indian Taco and Dessert Sale will be our first fundraiser for the bus trip to Mississippi on June 8 from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the Mary Lee Clark United Methodist Indian Church located at 1100 South Howard Drive in Del City. Contact Pat Bartmess for more information at 405-250-4259.

Any Chickasaw citizen and their family is eligible to join our October 8-12 Bus Trip to Tupelo. We have a limited number of seats left, so call Pat Bartmess at 405-250-4259 or Pam Conard at 405-973-8127 to sign-up. A \$50 deposit is required to be submitted by July 3, 2007.

Our Annual Summer Picnic is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, June 9 at Kiwanis Park South, 1101 S. Midwest Boulevard, Midwest City. Hamburgers, hotdogs and soft drinks will be brought by the Council. Please bring your favorite summertime side dish.

Kiwanis Park South has playground equipment for the children; and, other activities planned for the picnic include horseshoes, volleyball and the Chickasaw Dance Troupe. Contact Linda Zachary at 405-486-2298 for information; and, check the website for a map at www.midwestcityok.org/par

spavilions.htm.

A double-wall basket class was taught by Sue Fish in May. A mocassin making class will be taught by Jerry Underwood in July. Contact Chair Betty Smith at 405-348-7459 to sign up for the class which will cost approximately \$20 to make adult size deerskin mocassins.

Our Council Secretary Charlotte Hulsey is asking for people to submit articles, photos or announcements regarding Chickasaw or Native American activities to be placed on our web-site. Call Charlotte at 405-301-3164 and check out our website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org.

The OKCMCCC meets the first Tuesday of every month at 4005 Northwest Expressway on the sixth floor. For more information, contact Chair Betty Smith at 405-348-7459, Vice Chair MaryAnn Lee at 405-341-7874 or Treasurer Joanna Gardner at 405-203-0809.

Council of Central and South Texas hears of expanded Services At Large programs

The quarterly Council meeting was held on April 21, 2007 at the Wayland Baptist University in San Antonio, Texas. The meeting room was filled to capacity. After partaking of a potluck meal, we were given presentations by Chickasaw Nation Representatives, Lisa Bumpus and Shon McCage. Lisa discussed some of the benefits

available through the Services At Large program including Health Savings Account, Prescription Mail Order Program and the Eye Glass Program. Shon discussed diabetes, provided blood sugar tests, passed out flyers of exercises along with resistance bands and lead us in exercises.

Miscellaneous inter-tribal

artifacts as well as items relating to the Chickasaw language were on display courtesy of board members Jay Hurst and Gene Thompson. We were entertained by storytelling time provided by Don Moody and Gene Thompson. Don Moody is Board Chairman Michele Moody's father. We are continuing to learn at least one new Chickasaw word at each meeting. We learned "chokmah" for hello and "aiyali" for farewell or goodbye.

The group was reminded of the trip to the Tupelo homeland scheduled for October. Board Member, Nancy McLarry, issued a challenge in that she would provide a prize for the member who brings the most new persons to the next quarterly meeting.

The next quarterly meeting is planned for July 21, 2007 at the Bee Cave City Hall in Austin, TX. The next monthly meeting for the Austin vicinity will be in the same location on May 17 at 6:30 pm.

We enjoyed some social time before dismissing for the day. For further information regarding the Chickasaw Council of Central and South Texas, please contact Gene Thompson at 512-258-7919 or genevianthomps on@hotmail.com

Submitted by:

Tom & Jeanette Norton
Co-Reporters

Chickasaw Council of Central & South Texas

Northern Pontotoc Council welcomes tribal legislator Mary Jo Green

The Northern Pontotoc Community Council met on May 10 for our regular monthly meeting which is held the second Thursday of every month at the Chickasaw Enterprises Training facility located in Tri-City.

President Tom Hogland talked about the lawn care services and farmers market for the elderly. Both are up and running.

There will be dog and cat rabies shots given May 22 in the parking lot of the Chickasaw Training Center located in Tri-City area between the hours of 10 am to noon. Please feel free to bring your animals for rabies vaccinations.

Wade Boyles with the Chickasaw Nation Specialty Diabetic Prevention Program was present administering blood sugar testd to anyone who wished to have their sugar tested. There were many people tested and we thank Wade for bringing this service to our council.

Tribal Health Program Manager Allen Elliott was the guest speaker for the evening. We learned about the health services that are available to us. There are several new programs that have been implemented.

We were pleased to have Legislator Mary Jo Green present and we were grateful for her participation.

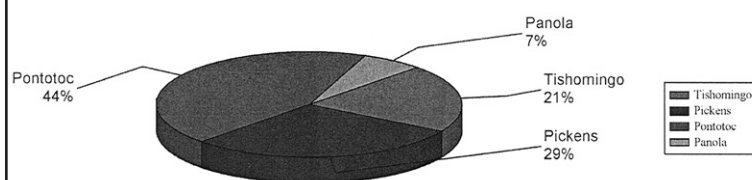
There was a drawing for several door prizes and then we adjourned for the evening.

We are a relatively new council trying to build and improve services for our area. Please plan to attend our meetings and bring any and all ideas that you can think of as we want to identify goals to achieve for our area.

Our next meeting is June 14 at 7:00 pm. Location is the Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center, 400 NW 32nd Hwy. 37 in Newcastle. The program for the evening will be presented by the Chickasaw Foundation.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,407	Panola	<u>1,380</u>
Pickens	6,159	Pontotoc	9,204
		Total	21,150



8th Annual Adam C. Walker Memorial Horseshoe Tournament

June 9, 2007

Registration 9 a.m., play begins at 10 a.m.

Kullihoma Softball Field

(7 miles east of Ada, turn right at Kullihoma sign, follow road 2 miles, softball field is on the right. From Hwy. 48, take Kullihoma exit west, approx. 1 mile on left)

Singles:

1st Place: Trophy
2nd Place: Trophy
3rd Place: Trophy

Doubles:

1st Place: Trophys
2nd Place: Trophys
3rd Place: Trophys

Participation medals given to the first 20 paid participants.

Scoring: 1-3-5 / no skunking / 40 ft. only / all calls final double elimination / draw partners/use your own shoes

Entry fee: \$6 per event / \$10 both events

For more information contact Bailey Walker, (580) 272-5268 or (580) 399-9892.



Chickasaw East Central University graduates recognized

The Chickasaw Nation is proud to recognize 33 Chickasaw students who graduated from East Central University (ECU) in Ada, Oklahoma on May 12, 2007. Of these students, 28 received bachelor's degrees and five received master's degrees.

"Congratulations to all our Chickasaw graduates," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We are proud of their hard work and diligence in achieving this milestone."

Renee Hogue, Chickasaw Nation Recruitment and Retention Coordinator at ECU, works with each of these students on a daily basis throughout their career at

East Central.

"They are like my children, regardless of their age," Mrs. Hogue said. "This is one of those proud moments for me. It has been such an honor for me to be a part of assisting the Alpha Chi and the ECU Honors Programs for our students."

The Chickasaw Nation had the privilege of awarding 24 of the graduates with Chickasha Holitoplich honors.

Chickasha Holitoplich is the Chickasaw Nation honor society established in 2005 to recognize the academic success of Chickasaw college students. The program, which was piloted at ECU, promotes the exemplary

work and achievement of Chickasaw students who graduate with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

The students who earned Chickasha Holitoplich honors were presented stoles by Chickasaw Nation Special Assistant to the Governor Kennedy Brown at an honor graduate recognition ceremony prior to their graduation commencement.

(Students graduating with honors are denoted below with an asterisk).

The 2007 East Central University graduates receiving bachelor's degrees include:

Anderson, Jesse
Baken, Paul

Bierce, Tonya M.*
Bryant, Linda S.*
Buss, Laura J.*
Cliff, Kyla C.*
Cross, Heather L.*
Currie, Atiera
Drannon, Adam
Folsom, Matthew D.*
Hamilton, Randall H.*
Hulsey, Kenneth B.*
Keen, Karen M.*
Lofton, Kresta D.*
Mayfield, Lori M.*
McGee, Sheleatha L.*
Monroe, James W.*
Nail, Cynthia D.*
Palmer, Olivia
Phillips, Jeff
Pickens, Rusty D.*
Prentice, Derek*

Runyan, Nola
Spain, Teri L.*
Sweeden, Renee D.*
Truitt, Jimmie
Turner, Paula
Walters, Valorie*

The 2007 East Central University graduates receiving master's degrees include:

Brown, Alice*
Fortner, Dennis S.*
Hawkins, Jennifer A.*
Logan, Dohna*
Lyon, Bryan*

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

### Ada Chickasaw Community Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm  
Marie Bailey Community Center  
1800 Jack John Circle  
Ada, OK  
Lura Mullican  
580-272-5085  
[l.mullican@chickasaw.net](mailto:l.mullican@chickasaw.net)

### Connerville Area

#### Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm  
Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site  
Connerville, OK  
Tony Poe  
580-421-4994  
[tony.poe@chickasaw.net](mailto:tony.poe@chickasaw.net)

### Duncan Chickasaw Community Council

Meetings held quarterly  
Call for time and location  
Sherri Rose, Chair  
580-255-0152  
[wildrose6739@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wildrose6739@sbcglobal.net)

### Johnston County

#### Chickasaw Community Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm  
Chickasaw Community Building  
1109 Ray Branum Road  
Tishomingo, OK  
Ann Fink, Chair  
580-371-3351  
[flora.fink@chickasaw.net](mailto:flora.fink@chickasaw.net)

### Marshall County

#### Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Enos Fire Department  
Enos, OK  
Sarah Lea, Chair  
580-564-4570  
[lsar747@duracom.net](mailto:lsar747@duracom.net)

### Northern Pontotoc

#### Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 pm  
Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center  
400 NW 32<sup>nd</sup> Hwy. 37  
Newcastle, OK  
Tom Hogland, Chair  
405-381-2268

### OKC Metro

#### Chickasaw Community Council

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm  
Lakepointe Towers, Sixth Floor  
4005 N.W. Expressway  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Betty Smith, Chair  
405-348-7459  
[pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com](mailto:pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com)

### Purcell Chickasaw Community Council

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 pm  
Regional Office – 1603 S. Green Ave.  
Purcell, OK  
Keith Shackelford, Chair  
405-527-5745  
[lowakchuffa@yahoo.com](mailto:lowakchuffa@yahoo.com)

### COLORADO ~~~

#### Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 11:30 am  
Denver, CO  
Call for location  
Carol Berry  
303-235-0282  
[Chickasaw303@yahoo.com](mailto:Chickasaw303@yahoo.com)

### CALIFORNIA ~~~

#### Inland Empire/Desert Cities

#### Chickasaw Community Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm  
San Geronio Hospital  
Education Conference Room  
600 N. Highland Springs

Banning, CA  
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair  
909-213-7273  
[liknryn@hotmail.com](mailto:liknryn@hotmail.com)

### KANSAS ~~~

#### Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3:00 pm  
Wichita Indian United Methodist Church  
1111 N. Meridian  
Wichita, KS  
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair  
316-945-9219  
[lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com)  
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair  
316-393-0696

### TEXAS ~~~

#### Chickasaw Community Council of

#### Central and South Texas

San Antonio, TX Area  
Meetings held quarterly  
Call for time and location  
Michele Moody, Chair  
210-492-2288  
[mmoody@docuguides.com](mailto:mmoody@docuguides.com)

### North Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 3:00 pm  
Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas  
209 East Jefferson Blvd.  
Dallas, Texas  
John C. Atkins, Chair  
972-271-0692  
[Injunjon2@verizon.net](mailto:Injunjon2@verizon.net)  
Linda Hewitt, Secretary  
214-543-1080  
[Lhewitt903@earthlink.net](mailto:Lhewitt903@earthlink.net)



# Chickasaw Nation election filing period June 4 - 6

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder announced recently that the filing period for the 2007 General Elections is June 4 through June 6.

Candidates must file in the election secretary's office in the Miko Building, 520 East Arlington, Ada, Okla.

Candidates may file from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Seats to be filled include governor and lieutenant governor.

Legislative seats to be filled are Pontotoc District Seat 5, Pickens District Seat 3, Panola District Seat 1 and Tishomingo District Seat 2.

Seat 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court is also up for election.

Governor and lieutenant governor candidates shall run as a team.

Candidates for governor and lt. governor must be registered Chickasaw voters at least 30

years of age and possess no less than one-fourth (¼) Chickasaw blood quantum. Candidates must also be residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year immediately preceding the election.

Governor and lieutenant governor must remain residents of the Chickasaw Nation during their tenure of office. Term of office is four years.

Filing fees are \$2,500 per team.

Legislative candidates must be registered Chickasaw voters at least 25 years of age.

Legislative candidates must also be residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year and of their respective district for at least six months immediately preceding the election.

Legislators must remain residents of their elected district during their tenure of office and. Term of office is three years.

Filing fees are \$500.

A judicial candidate must be a registered voter of the Chickasaw Nation at least 30 years of age.

Judicial candidates must also be a resident of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year preceding the election.

Judges must reside within the Chickasaw Nation during their tenure of office. Term of office is three years.

Filing fees are \$500.

Candidates must bring verification of physical and mailing address, such as a utility bill or homestead exemption and filing fee.

Upon filing, candidates must complete a financial disclosure statement. Statements are also due at the end of every month during the candidate's active campaign period.

Candidates will receive an electoral packet containing election rules and regulations, the Chickasaw Constitution, finan-

cial disclosure forms, biography form for *the Chickasaw Times*, and watcher form.

Candidates must not have been convicted of a felony. Background checks are conducted on all candidates.

Primary election is July 31

and run-off election is August 28, if applicable.

For further assistance, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary at (580) 310-6475 or 1-888-661-0137.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Indian veterans meet to participate in groundbreaking IHS/VHA study

Many Native Americans are eligible to receive healthcare services from both the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

Nevertheless, Native Americans are more likely than other veterans to report unmet health needs.

A number of veterans recently met in a focus group at the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center as part of a project to improve coordination between the IHS and VHA.

The focus group is one of 12 groups nationwide who are participating in a project titled "VA and Indian Health Service (IHS): Access for American Indian Veterans."

Dr. Josea Kramer is study director.

Dr. Kramer said this aspect of the study involves speaking with "stakeholders" to learn more about the advantages and challenges of receiving health care from both IHS and VHA.

"Our ultimate goal is to improve access and inter-agency coordination," said Dr. Kramer.

This project is the first sys-

tematic evaluation of how the IHS and VHA work together to provide healthcare for American Indian veterans.

Chickasaw Nation Health System providers are also participating in focus groups as part of the project.

Doctors, nurses, social workers, rehabilitation specialists and administrative staff will discuss

## 'Revenge of the Bulls' a success

ADA, Okla. - The Revenge of the Bulls bullfights April 13 and 14 at the Pontotoc County AgriPlex were a big success, according to organizer Stanley Foster, who said the event drew near capacity crowds each night.

Mr. Foster said that those familiar with events at the AgriPlex said it is one of the biggest drawing events conducted at the venue.

While bullfights may evoke images of matadors dressed in gold trimmed satin attire, the Revenge of the Bulls is a totally different event.

This event features "rodeo clowns," or bullfighters, dressed in loose fitting colorful clothing who attempt to engage bulls in exciting close encounters with

issues related to access to care and coordination of resources.

Dr. Tina Cooper, medical director of Carl Albert Indian Hospital, is a member of the study advisory committee.

Results will be available once the study has been completed.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

neither being injured.

The Chickasaw Nation became involved with the event approximately seven years ago in Tishomingo.

Since that time, the event has continued to grow until it has become one of the largest of its kind, according to Foster.

Hundreds of tickets for children 12 and under are distributed to area schools at no charge to the students.

This helps make the event an affordable family activity, according to Foster.

Planning is already under way for the next event, which is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 19 and 20.

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### THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2007 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

#### June 4-6:

Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

#### June 8:

Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

#### June 11:

Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.

#### June 12:

Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (by 12 noon)

Press release for candidates (news/media)

#### July 9:

Voter registration closes.

#### July 10:

After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & CD's.

#### July 16:

Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

#### July 25:

Last day to appoint a watcher.

#### July 31:

2007 Primary Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)

Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

#### July 31:

Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.

#### August 3:

Recount period ends.

#### October 1:

Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

### THE CHICKASAW NATION 2007 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

#### August 6:

Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's (after 12:00 Noon.)

#### August 13:

Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

#### August 22:

Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

#### August 28:

2007 Run-Off Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)

Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

Voter registration re-opens

#### August 31:

Recount period ends.

#### October 1:

Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)



## Summer Camp Deadlines

Parents! There is still time to register your child for an exciting Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Camp. Camps still available include:

**Ada Softball Clinic**  
Females ages 10 – 18  
July 12 – 13  
Ada High Softball Field  
Application Deadline is June 15

**Ada Basketball Clinic**  
Boys and Girls ages 7 – 14 (grades 2 – 8)  
July 17 – 18 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center Gym  
Application Deadline is June 22

**Ardmore Basketball Clinic**  
Boys and Girls ages 7 – 14 (grades 2 – 8)  
July 17 – 18 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Ardmore Middle School Gym  
Application Deadline is June 22

**Chikasha Sayah Camp (I am Chickasaw)**  
Boys and Girls ages 8 – 12  
August 3 – 5  
Camp WOW in Gerty, OK  
Application Deadline is July 9

All applicants must include a copy of the camper's CDIB card and Chickasaw youth must also include a copy of their citizenship card. More information about the camps and applications can be found online at [www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps](http://www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps) or by calling the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Division at (580) 310-6620.

*Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.*

## Affordable Housing

*Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development*

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development has available housing in the following areas.

### **Ardmore (age 55+) and Marietta**

The **Ardmore High-rise** (age 55+) apartments include central heat & air, range, and refrigerator in each apartment. A convenient laundry room is available on every floor. An on site manager, maintenance person and security at night are provided. All utilities are paid.

The **Marietta** apartments offer central heat, washer/dryer hookups, range and refrigerator. Water is paid.

Monthly rent is income based for all apartments. Security deposits range from \$50 to \$100.

For applications and additional information contact Ardmore High Rise Office at 580-226-4590 or Ardmore Office at 580-226-2095.

**Davis, Byng, and Marie Bailey** (Marie Bailey in Ada, Okla., for ages 55+)

Central heat & air, carpeting, range, refrigerator, and washer/dryer hookups are offered. The Marie Bailey apartments provide all the above including washer and dryer.

Monthly rent is income based. Security deposits range from \$50 to \$160.

Water is paid at Davis and Byng.

For applications and additional information contact the Ada Office at 580-421-8800.

## Indian firefighters complete training



Members of the Chickasaw Firefighters Agency recently participated in a National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) training at the Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada. The firefighters were trained in S-230 Crew Boss (Single Resource) and FI-110 Wildland Fire Observations for First Responders trainings. Those participating include, front row from left, BIA Range Technician Sheldon Sankey, BIA Range Technician Joe Lail, Chickasaw Agency Firefighter Joe Killfirst, Chickasaw Agency Firefighter Alan Pratt, Cheyenne-Arapaho Firefighter Frank Sweezy, Chickasaw Agency Firefighter Jim Killfirst. Back row, from left, Apache Firefighter Joseph Batchaddle, Apache Firefighter David Palmer, Chickasaw Agency Firefighter Joe Kauleg, Cheyenne-Arapaho Firefighter Gilbert Washington, Chickasaw Agency Firefighter Mike Wooster, Cheyenne-Arapaho Firefighter Patrick Steele, Chickasaw Agency Firefighter David Tom and BIA Range Technician Tom Schultz.

## Head Start community assessments available

Community assessment forms will soon be available at Chickasaw Nation area offices, head Start centers and online at [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net).

Education staff members will also distribute the forms in various communities throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

These forms provide community members an opportunity to provide valuable information to enable the Chickasaw Nation to continue improving its Head Start program.

Information gathered will be confidential and will be used to identify areas where the Head Start program may be improved.

Deadline to return assessment forms is June 29.

For more information, contact Rachel Wedlow at (580) 436-7276.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Chickasaw, Seminole leaders



On May 1, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by Seminole Nation Chief Enoch Kelly Haney at the Memorial Plaza outside the Oklahoma State Capitol building to admire new "pavers" placed to honor several Chickasaw and Seminole citizens who have contributed to the State of Oklahoma. The engraved pavers are a project of the Friends of the Capitol nonprofit organization. The pavers are intended to offer Oklahomans a chance to memorialize those who have made an impact on the state, and to serve as a reminder of Oklahoma's great history and heritage.



# Chickasaw students lauded on Student Appreciation Night



**Youth & Family Division District Scholarship winners, from left, Bryson Vann, Jared Wingo, Tori McCollom, Haley Sperry, Kyle Craighead, Kelli Dennis and Jordan Crossley.**



**Youth & Family Division Grades 11 and 12 Student of the Year winners, from left, Brandon Blankenship, Trevan Jimboy, Jared Wingo, McKenzie Reece Phillips, Kelsey Wingo and Shane Vietzke.**

SULPHUR, Okla. - High School students and families from across the Chickasaw Nation gathered at the Murray County Expo Center in Sulphur for the 2007 Annual Student Appreciation Night Banquet.

The May 8 event included dinner, the Lord's Prayer presented by the Chickasaw Princesses and the awards program, emceed by Valorie Walters of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education.

"This night was to recognize many of our outstanding Chickasaw students," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "These students, and their parents, should be proud of their accomplishments and we hope this leads to many more successes in their lives."

The tribal Division of Youth and Family Services announced scholarship recipients and outstanding Chickasaw student awards. Each student was

awarded a \$500 scholarship to assist in his or her continued education.

Pickens District scholarship winners were: Haley Sperry, Ardmore, Kyle Van Craighead, Ardmore, and Jared Wingo, Sulphur.

Pontotoc District scholarship winners were: Jordan Crossley from Newcastle, Kelli Dennis from Newcastle and Bryson Vann from Wapanucka.

Tishomingo District scholarship winner was: Tori McCollom from Tishomingo.

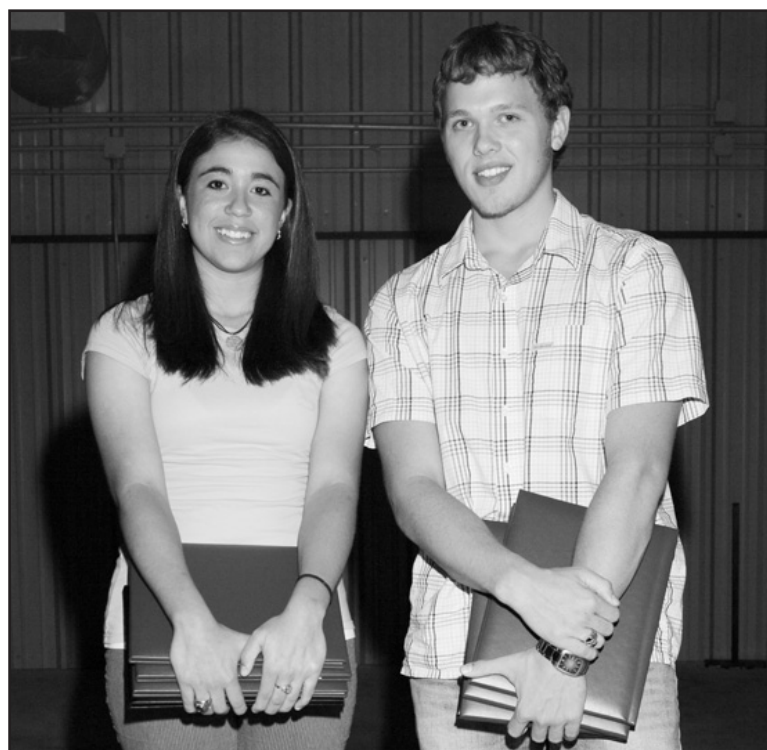
Individual awards were given to the top male and female in grades 10, 11 and 12 for Chickasaw Student of the Year, Musicians of the Year, Athlete of the Year and Artist of the Year. The winners are as follows:

Grade 10, Chickasaw Students of the Year: Hailey Craighead from Ardmore and Joshua Hatton from Byng.

Grade 10, Chickasaw Athletes of the Year: Codie Bolin from



**Youth & Family Division Grade 10 Student of the Year winners, front row from left, Patricia Cornish, Hailey Craighead and Jalena Walker. Back row from left, Chance Brown, Codie Bolin and Taylor Martin.**



**Education Division JOM Outstanding Student Scholarship winners Tori McCollom and Bryson Vann.**

Dickson and Jalena Walker from Byng.

Grade 10, Chickasaw Musicians of the Year: Patricia Cornish from Latta and Martin Taylor from Maysville.

Grade 10, Chickasaw Artist of the Year: Chance Brown from Dickson.

Grade 11, Chickasaw Students of the Year: Megan Galles from Plainview and Preston McGehee from Turner.

Grade 11, Chickasaw Athlete

of the Year: Preston McGehee from Turner.

Grade 11, Chickasaw Musician of the Year: Brandon Blankenship from Byng.

Grade 11, Chickasaw Artist of the Year: Reva Nail from Kingston.

Grade 12, Chickasaw Students of the Year: McKenzie Phillips from Roff and Shane Vietzke from Pauls Valley.

Grade 12, Chickasaw Athletes of the Year: Trevan Jimboy from

Latta and McKenzie Phillips from Roff.

Grade 12, Chickasaw Musicians of the Year: Jared Wingo from Sulphur and Kelsey Wingo from Ada.

Grade 12, Chickasaw Artist of the Year: Joe Herell from Dickson.

The tribal Division of Education Services announced the winners of the Governor's Scholarship, the Lt. Governor's Scholarship and the Legislators' Scholarship as well as the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Outstanding Student scholarships and the Chickasaw Nation Millennium Scholarships.

Winners of the Governor's Scholarship for \$500 included: Hollis Adams from Midway (TX), David Billings, Jr. from Ledyard (CT), Emily Cole from Edmond North (OK), Lindsey Dacus from Wynnewood (OK), Lauren Fournier from Choctaw (OK), Will Hogan from Ada (OK), Nathaniel Holland from Marlow (OK), Jaymes Husband from Latta (OK), Ashlea Keel from Sapulpa (OK), Shae Kennedy from Tuttle (OK), Kyle Lehenbauer from North Kansas City (MO), Tori McCollom from Tishomingo (OK), Piper Norvell from Frederick (OK), Chelsea Pulver from Metro Christian Academy (OK), Allison Raborn from Marlow (OK), Caleb Stonehouse from Boulder (CO), Rebekah Thompson from Shawnee (OK), Bryson Vann from Wapanucka (OK), Shane Vietzke from Madill (OK) and Katelyn Wallace from Madill (OK).

Winners of the Lt. Governor's Scholarship for \$400 were: Taylor Ashworth from Mount St. Mary (OK), Andrea Davis from St. Mary's (CA), Kati Jackson from Lone Grove (OK), Logan McAlister from Oklahoma Christian (OK) and Haley Sperry from Ardmore (OK).

Winners of the Legislator's Scholarship for \$350 were: Kempner Cole from Edmond North (OK), Marcia Gibson from Tomball (TX) and Samuel Tullius from Norman (OK).

Winners of the JOM Outstanding Student Scholarship for \$300 were: Tori McCollom from Tishomingo and Bryson

*See Student Appreciation Awards, page 21*



## Tribe, CV Technology Center combine to provide reconditioned bus



Pictured with the newly painted bus are, from left, Bill Nelson, Justin Voegeli, Dan Ward, Barry Needham and Loyd Conner.

A cooperative effort between the Chickasaw Nation and the Canadian Valley Technology Center has provided members of the Chickasha Boys and Girls Club a stylish new ride.

Early Childhood Director Danny Wells transferred the bus to the club.

Tribal Youth Camps and Recreation manager Bill Nelson then approached technology center instructor Lloyd Conner about providing a fresh new look for the bus.

Students in Mr. Conner's class spent three months applying a custom blue and white paint job complete with the Boys and girls Club logo.

"We had the bus mechanically sound," Mr. Nelson said. "Mr. Conner (ACT instructor) and his

class agreed to make it beautiful for us."

Canadian Valley Technology students Dan Ward and Justin Voegeli were assigned the task of painting the bus.

Conner said that they painted the bus as a service to the community and were pleased to do it.

A bus transferred to the Sulphur Boys and Girls Club from the early childhood department is undergoing a similar transformation

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## Student Appreciation Awards, continued from page 20



Education Division Chickasaw Nation Millennium Scholarship winners, front row from left, Lindsey Dacus, Rebekah Thompson, Allison Raborn, Tori McCollom, Kamil Gray, Katelyn Wallace and Chelsea Pulver. Middle row from left, Samuel Cole Davis, Ethan Cox, Jared Wingo, Samuel Tullius, Abby Adams, Brittney Orr, Erik Crooks-Berera and Dace Taylor. Back row from left, Jaymes Husband, Chelsea Hull, Benjamin Trosper, Kyle Craighead, Jordan Crossley, Colten Brooksher and Bryson Vann.

Vann from Wapanucka.

Winners of the Chickasaw Nation Millennium Scholarship for \$1,000 were: Abby Adams from Duncan (OK), Hollis Adams from Midway (TX), Taylor Ashworth from Mount St. Mary (OK), Teena Bailey from AR Johnson Health & Science (GA), David Billings Jr. from Ledyard (CT), Colten Brooksher from New Lima (OK), Britney Bush from Silo (OK), Trevor Bush from Ector

(TX), Emily Cole from Edmond North (OK), Kelsey Cole from Gig Harbor (WA), Kempner Cole from Edmond North (OK), Ethan Cox from Kingston (OK), Kyle Craighead from Ardmore (OK), Mary Crawford from Amarillo (TX), Erik Crooks-Becera from West Moore (OK), Jordan Crossley from Newcastle (OK), Alyssia Culbertson from Kingston (OK), Lynze Dacus from Wynnewood (OK), Adrienne Davis from St. Mary's

(CA), Andrea Davis from St. Mary's (CA), Samuel Davis from Blanchard (OK), Luran Fournier from Choctaw (OK), Taron Gilpin from Tishomingo (OK), Kamil Gray from Del City (OK), Jared Hatton from Elmore City (OK), Elizabeth Hendricks from Silo (OK), Zachary Henning from Norman North (OK), Chelsea Hull from West Moore (OK), Jaymes Husband from Latta (OK), Meagan Igo from Plainview (OK), Bethany Ivie



Education Division Governor's, Lt. Governor's and Legislature's Scholarship winners, front row from left, Rebekah Thompson, Tori McCollom, Allison Raborn, Chelsea Pulver and Katelyn Wallace. Back row from left, Shane Vietzke, Lindsey Dacus, Will Hogan, Samuel Tullius, Haley Sperry and Bryson Vann.

from Waxahachie Preparatory Academy (TX), Kati Jackson from Lone Grove (OK), Shae Kennedy from Tuttle (OK), Kristen Marris from The Colony (TX), Megan Martin from Routt Catholic (IL), Logan McAlister from Oklahoma Christian (OK), Tori McCollom from Tishomingo (OK), Piper Norvell from Frederick (OK), Brittney Orr from Jenks (OK), Chelsea Pulver from Metro Christian Academy (OK), Allison Raborn

from Marlow (OK), Ariana Seidel from Unionville (PA), Caleb Stonehouse from Boulder (CO), Dace Taylor from Mount St. Mary (OK), Rebekah Thompson from Shawnee (OK), Benjamin Trosper from Bishop McGuinness (OK), Samuel Tullius from Norman (OK), Bryson Vann from Wapanucka (OK), Katelyn Wallace from Madill (OK) and Jared Wingo from Ada (OK).

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# Head Start parents recognized on Appreciation Night

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start Department hosted Parent Appreciation Night on May 3 at the Murray County Expo Center in Sulphur.

This was a special night set aside to honor and award Head Start volunteers for their service to the program as parent committee members, policy council members and classroom volunteers.

Amy Von Tungeln, recruitment and retention coordinator for the Chickasaw Nation Education Division, served as emcee for the evening, and the Chickasaw Princesses and former Head Start student Krysten Wallace provided the invocation and entertainment, respectively.

Head Start director Danny Wells spoke to the crowd of more than 200 about their dedication to the program and recognized the staff from all six Chickasaw Nation Head Start centers.

Center supervisors Delores Campbell, Melissa Morgan, Rhonda Priddy and Janice Richardson presented the volunteer awards for centers in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Madill, Sulphur and Tishomingo. Volunteers awarded include:

From Ada – Lucille Hamilton, Matthew Morgan, and Harold



**Ada Site: From left, Matthew Morgan, Harold Price, Lucille Hamilton and children Kasey and LaTosha Price.**

Price

From Ardmore – Mandy Battice, Shirley Brown, Cealis Carterby, Mysti Clark, Matthew Farve, Allen Givens, Norma Herndon, Malaika Horton, Celia Martin, Ashley Robinson, Helen Robinson, Mary Kay Russell and Cassandra Thomas

From Duncan – Lil Hall and Christi Neeld

From Madill – Pam Ahearn,

Gayle Canoe, Karen Christie, Jennifer Elkins, Jessie Greenfield, Heather Jackson, Camelia Quiroz and Martha Recio

From Sulphur – Frances Barrett, Stephanie Rogers, Kim Smith and Carolina Ugalde

From Tishomingo – Kelly Devitt, Bubby Moore, Pam Moore, Misty Stowe and Rachel Wood  
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**Ardmore Site: from left, Shirley Brown, Mandy Battice, Mysti Clark, Cassandra Thomas, Malaika Horton, Allen Givens and Mary Kay Russell.**



**Duncan and Sulphur Sites: from left, Crystal Lewis, Carolina Ugalde, Frances Barrett, Kim Smith, Stephanie Rogers, Lil Hall and Christi Neeld.**

## Elders Day celebrated in Ada

The Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department hosted Elders Day on May 11, 2007 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Gym in Ada. Seniors gathered for fellowship, to share stories about times past and enjoy a traditional meal of beans, fry bread, pashofa and grape dumplings.

Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel was in attendance and welcomed everyone to the event. Dr. Amanda Cobb, administrator for the tribal Division of History, Research and Scholarship, shared a presentation about the future opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center and volunteer opportunities for the elders.

Entertainment was provided by gospel singers Mary Smith and a group which included Seminole Nation Assistant Chief Larry Harrison, his wife Lydia and daughter Helen, his sister



**Tribal legislator Katie Case, Ada Senior Site member Jim Perry and tribal legislator Dean McManus.**

Nancy Goate and UKB Cherokee Douglas Bryant.

A "Voice of the Elders" session conducted by Marie Beck gave the elders an opportunity to share stories, jokes and thoughts. Several participants also gathered to lead the group in a few Choctaw hymns.

Stan Smith served as emcee

throughout the day and Jeff Frazier offered up the invocation and benediction for the event.

The next Elders Day is planned for August 24. For more information, contact the cultural resources department at (580) 332-8685.

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**Tishomingo and Madill Sites: From left, Bubby Moore, Pam Moore, Rachel Wood, Thelma Estes, LaDena Parnacher and Alice Brown.**



# Elders receive awards for volunteer service to tribe



**Gov. Anoatubby with the Caring Heart Program award winners. Back row from left, Gov. Anoatubby, Leonra Hobbs, Ruby Adkins, Lee Crossley, Judy Fisher, Billie Easterling, Sue Richards and Leona Leslie. Sitting from left, Ruby Cardinal, Velda Graham, Lou Norman, Catherine Pendergraft, and Ruthie Ellis.**

Six elders were recognized for more than 500 hours of volunteer service during the recent volunteer awards banquet at WinStar Casinos in Thackerville, Okla.

Henry Patrick, Ada; Lee Crossley, Purcell; Magdeline Montgomery, Pauls Valley; and Clarence Imotichey, Jerry Ridley and Edina Williams, all of Sulphur, each received a folding chair in which to relax after volunteering more than 500 hours of service.

Bessie Smith, Dean Starns and Flora Perry, all from the Kullihoma site, and Lou Norman, of Connerville, were recognized for 300 to 499 hours of volunteer service.

Several elders were also recognized for their service as part of the caring heart program.

Members of program visit Native American elders who are in nursing homes or homebound. They help meet the needs of these elders and deliver meals.

Dozens more senior volunteers were recognized for their contributions as volunteers.

Other elders recognized for volunteer service include:

## **Achille:**

100 to 299 hours – Barbara Beshirs, Olene Beshirs, Wanda Connelly, Mary Cox and L.D. Love

50 to 99 hours – O.C. Beshirs, Tina Fields, Flora Mead and Hearl Mead

25 to 49 hours – Joe beshirs,

Rosa Gilmore and Truman Morris

0 to 24 hours – Virginia Cralley, Angela C. Horton, Mary keigley, Joyce Nichols and Bernice Sweeney

## **Ada:**

100 to 299 hours – Artie Cooper, Pat Cox, Carole Davis, Ruthie Ellis, Mary Jo Green, Mildred Green, Geneva Gregory, Alma Lillard, Margaret Melville, Larry Montgomery, Sammie Montgomery, Buck Owens, Ginger Paulk, Alice Phillips, Beaulah Shaney and Carol Stout

50 to 99 hours – Pauline Lexander, Irene Allen, Margaret Buck, Jeannie Coplin and Faye Perry

25 to 49 hours – Henry Allen, Carolyn Bench, Pauline Brown, Clark Cogburn, Nell Goforth, June Greenwood, Mearl Gregory, Doris Jordan, Lydia Kilcrease, Bencie Lillard, Claude Miller, Joann Miller, Nadine Owens and Pauline Walker

0 to 24 hours – Mary Ahtone, Bertha Allen, Hazel Battice, J.L. Green, Bernita Horton, Robert Horton, Gene Jefferson, Jeanie Lunsford, Ruby McKinney, Bob Perry, Patsy Perry, Linda Phillips, Bill Quincy, Clarice Stoner, Ann Thompson, Leon Thompson, Vera Tims, Bobbie Warner, Merle Welch, Pearline Welch, Morgan Wells, Phercella Wells and Darla Wolf

## **Ardmore:**

100 to 299 hours – Loretta Willis

50 to 99 hours – Letha Marris and Sue Simmons

25 to 49 hours – Jim Farve, Noel Mann, Roy Perry, Shirley Perry, Joe Roberts, Elsie Taylor, Mary L. Taylor and Ben Willis

0 to 24 hours – Bobby Bowden, Carl Brown, Roy Cooper, Bobby Couch, Hawaii Davidson, Joyce Davis, Betty Griffith, Dorothy holt, Bob Jacks, Tia Juana Jacks, Nadine Lewis, Sallie Palmer, Charles Richards, Jenny Roberts, Larry Shoemaker, Charles Wall and Bob Williams

## **Connerville:**

100 to 299 hours - Billie Easterling, Jane Ferris, Judy Fisher, Welborn Gross, Catherine Pendergraft, Jimmy Reed and Lillian Underwood

50 to 99 hours – Dawatha Easterling

0 to 24 hours – Vinola Brown, Marcella Cravatt, Doris Davis, Sharon Gantt, faye McCurtain, Juanita Moody, David Poe, J.C. Poe, Sharon Poe, Norma Prince, Bernie Seeley, Leslie Seeley, Velma Seeley, Carlton Underwood, bill Whelchel, Imogene Whelchel and Lillie Wisdom

## **Kullihoma:**

100 to 299 hours - Velma Frazier, Levi Edwards and Helen Sanders

## **Madill:**

100 to 299 hours – Anna Mae Burns, Yvonne Harper, Sue Richards and Jessie Sandefur

50 to 99 hours – Eula Gibson and Guy Eva Stowers

25 to 49 hours – Winnie Bennett, Onita Carnes, John Gardner, Marcie Jones, Leona Lesley, Joann Parker, Alice Saxon, Dorita Shipley, Charles Sisson, Rosie Sisson and Derron Stowers

0 to 24 hours – Clyde Ashley, Wanda Ashley, Wanda Columbus, Wilma Foster, Kenneth Lewis, Al Maxwell, Pauline Maxwell, Wilson Parker, John Puller, Margaret Sampson, Cleo Sandefur, Ken Shipley, Josephine Taylor, Donny Trewin, Bill Tuggle, Shirley Tuggle and Betty Woods

## **Pauls Valley:**

100 to 299 hours – Lou Carlton and Cecil Henderson

50 to 99 hours – Lawatha Gilley, Betty Crabtree, Carnell Peachlyn, Caronl reed and Donnell Sommer

0 to 24 hours – Juanita Boney, Carolyn Claxton, Novaline Fox, Doris Henderson, Ron McCurley, Elwanda Meeley, Gilbert Morris, Myrna Morris, Jackie Mulford, Agness Ned, Pauline Rodke, Janet Smith and Geraldine Sweetman

## **Purcell:**

100 to 299 hours - Ruby Adkins, Ruby Cardinal and Lenora Hobbs

50 to 99 hours - Ethel Brooksher, Kenneth Evans, Mary Evans and Wanda Farrow

0 to 24 hours - Bob Barnett, Adda Cole, Thurman Cole, Shirley Duncan, Jean Earles, Hank Ivester, Ruthelene Ivester, Phyllis Pritchett, Betty Robinson, Betty Rowland, Glenn Rowland, Ernestine Tolleson, Corky Somers and Mark Wallace (0 to 24 hours)

## **Sulphur:**

100 to 299 hours – LaJanta Nelson and Joan Norton

50 to 99 hours – Bonnie Binderim, Ken Binderim, Etna Cooke, Gladys Freeman, Ollie Lowrance, Katherine McGuire and Lillie Ward

25 to 49 hours – Bonnie Danyeur, Melva Dillard, Rose Imotichey, Flora Kirk and Charles Norton

0 to 24 hours – Frank Charles, Joe Howard, Linda McGaha, Wilma Nelson, Fannie Parker and Floyd Shipman

## **Tishomingo:**

100 to 299 hours – Sadie Hearrell and Virginia Mills

50 to 99 hours – Mary Alexander, Barbara Hook, Georgine Hotema, Susie Keel, Bobby Payne, Hiawatha Reed, Lottie Routzong, Johnnie Sherwood, Shirley Tims and Jerry Underwood

24 to 49 hours - Mary Lou Nickell

0 to 24 hours – Samuel Alexander, Marie Beck, Rick Corsello, Waureka Hanlin, Hanna John, Jane Legg, Don Tims and Eileen Underwood

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## *Elders Day*



**Mark Wallace and Wanda Farrell from the Purcell Senior Site.**



## Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month

The Chickasaw Foundation recently established the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month program to recognize and honor students who display the following characteristics: good citizenship, respectful to peers and program staff, program participation, leadership qualities, positive attitude, demonstrates responsibility, community service participation, cultural/tribal activities participation and dem-

onstrates a positive academic work ethic.

Ms. Amanda Riley was selected as the April 2007 student of the month. She is a senior at Ringling (OK) High School and has been a participant of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program since she was a freshman.

Amanda is active in slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball, was the manager of the baseball



**Amanda Riley**

team, first chair in trumpets, and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Upward Bound. In the Upward Bound program she is a member of the All Sports Day team, and loves the summer teachers and attending the different classes. She participates in her town and church clean-up days.

Her future plans are to attend Murray State College at the Ardmore Higher Education Center and become a registered nurse (RN).

### Chickasaw Foundation Art Auction Call for Artists

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction to be held during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 16, 2007. This reception is held annually to recognize our donors and volunteers and would like to see the number double this year.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. Last year we were able to establish the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

## Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound on the move



**Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students ride the bus to the Child Abuse Prevention Fair. Students include, Coby Chandler, Heather Pugh, Jazmine Rossi, Chelcee Valdez, Amber Gaede, Rayna Limpy, Rebecca Moore, Emalee Munn, Jennifer Pedigo, Heather Stinnett, Ashley Talbott, Christi Coughenour, Britni Carrigo, Precious Hamilton, Tara Lofton, Jacob Standridge, Bethany Taylor, Meranda Trett, Danny Moore and Elizabeth Elliott.**

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs conducted an Admissions and Financial Aid Workshop for the seniors on April 7 in the Murray State College computer lab. Students and parents attended and were able to apply for admission to Murray State College for the summer bridge classes. Students also completed their summer Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and were provided information on available scholarships. Forty-two Upward Bound students will graduate from high school this year, and thirty-four of those students will be "bridged" over to college this summer through the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students were also provided two opportunities to complete volunteer hours for scholarship applications during the month of April: the Chickasaw Foundation's T-ball Tournament and the 2007 Child Abuse Prevention Fair. Cody Cross, Jacob Standridge, Christi Coughenour and Tiffany Foster volunteered for the t-ball tournament. Students volunteering for the child abuse prevention fair helped in several areas including the face painting booth, petting zoo, drink trailer, hot dog booth, football toss, air filled games,

etc.

The students helped to pick up trash after the fair ended, too.

Elizabeth Elliott from Roff High School also won the Child Abuse Prevention Fair's t-shirt design contest.



**Elizabeth Elliott, a Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound student from Roff (OK) High School, was a monetary award winner at the Child Abuse Prevention Fair t-shirt design contest.**

### Chickasaw Foundation's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cultural Evening

Please mark your calendars to join us on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at Kullihoma for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cultural Evening as part of the Chickasaw Festival. We will have a night full of cultural events you won't want to miss. If you have any questions, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

### Chickasaw Foundation 2007 Cultural Evening T-Shirt & Flyer Design Contest

Artists of All Ages..... The Chickasaw Foundation is sponsoring a t-shirt and flyer design contest. The winning entry will be the design featured on the Cultural Evening t-shirts. Flyers will also feature the design to promote the annual event. Entries must be on 8 1/2 x 11 unlined paper and in black ink or marker. All entries must be of Native American origin and feature items related to Chickasaw culture. (Detail should be kept to a minimum for print quality on the t-shirts and flyers).

Entry forms must be completed and attached to the respective entry.

The deadline for entries is Friday, June 29, 2007 at 5 p.m. All entries become the property of the Chickasaw Foundation and we reserve the right to modify drawings as necessary.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: **First place—\$100**  
**Second place—\$75**  
**Third place—\$50**

#### Cultural Evening Art Contest Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative/Explanation of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Chickasaw Foundation hosts 1st Annual t-ball tourney

The Chickasaw Foundation hosted its inaugural t-ball tournament on April 20-22, 2007 at the Kiwanis Baseball Park in Ada. Mr. Kennedy Brown, Chairman of the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees, opened the tournament by "setting" the first pitch on Friday night. Mr. Dylan Walker provided the National Anthem on Saturday morning.

Seven teams entered the tournament with prizes being given to 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> places. The Little Barracudas, coached by Chris Watkins, made it to the championship game undefeated. The Indians, coached by Gary Walker, came in a close second followed by the Ada Red Sox, coached

by Randall Hamilton, and the Atlanta Braves, coached by Jeff Maloy. The championship team received a team trophy, bat bag and championship shirts. 2<sup>nd</sup> place received a team trophy and runner-up t-shirts along with duffel bags. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams received back packs. The placing teams received coupons donated by various businesses.

Contests for base running, throwing accuracy and a home run derby were also held. Individuals placing 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> were given medals. All participants were given coupons by various businesses.

*The Chickasaw Foundation appreciates those who contributed to our tournament through donations and sponsorships.*

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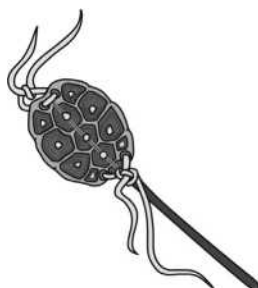
From left, Bryan Pogue, Chickasaw Foundation chairman Kennedy Brown and Wade Boyle prepare to start the Chickasaw Foundation inaugural t-ball tournament by "setting" the first pitch.



Ethan Jackson of the Little Barracudas slides into home.



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students volunteered at the Chickasaw Foundation T-Ball Tournament. From left, Becky Easterling, Cody Cross, Tiffany Foster, Steve Caudle and Jacob Strandridge. Not pictured is Christi Coughenour.



## Chickasaw Foundation scholarship applications available

The Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the availability of thirty-six scholarships for the 2007-2008 school year. The scholarships have a wide range of majors including education, engineering, health-care, nutrition science, liberal arts, Native American studies, nursing, accounting, business, finance, social work, art, history, law, aeronautics, music, aviation, and general purpose education.

The application is available on-line at [www.chickasawfoundation.org](http://www.chickasawfoundation.org) or you can be placed on our mailing list by calling (580) 421-9030.

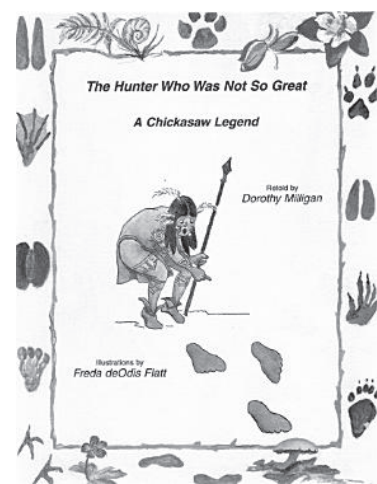
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The Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees donated 100 books to the Leadership Oklahoma class this month.

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Probate Clerks, Web Developer, CA Certified Unicenter Engineer, Quality Assurance Specialist, Technical Writer/Editor, Data Clerks, Programmer Analyst, Management Support, Key Entry Operators, Systems Engineer, Data Examiner, Cobol Programmer, Business Analyst, Lead Systems Analyst, Functional Analyst, Portal Web sphere and Oracle SQL Programmers

**CONSTRUCTION**

Superintendents, Project Managers, Senior Project Manager, Project Engineers and Estimators

**MANUFACTURING**

Laser Operators, Shipping, Press Break, Machinist, Senior Engineer and Quality Control



# April 2007 Students of the Month

Students for the Month of April have been selected for April 2007 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native Americans students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) in grades one through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw Nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals, or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Students of the month for the Tishomingo District are **Emily Miller** and **Jay Lane**, Ravia Elementary.

"**Emily Miller** is always willing to participate in classroom activities," said Debbie Akins. "Her attendance is excellent. She shows a positive attitude in everything she tries to achieve."

"**Jay Lane** shows excellent citizenship," said Debbie Akins. "He is always in class on time and has great class attendance."

Students of the month for the Pontotoc District are **Delaney Daniel** and **Tristan Allison**, Byng Elementary, **JaLeigh Lawson**, Latta Jr. High, **Dakota Cotanny**, Lexington Jr. High, **Brittany Taylor** and **Justin Washburn**, Lexington High School.

"I have known **Delaney Daniel** for the last year as a fourth grader at Byng and find her to be a fine and responsible young lady," said Stephanie DelFrate. "She has taken part in many extra curricular activities, and is a very intelligent hard working young lady."

"It is my great pleasure to recommend **Tristan Allison** as Chickasaw Student of the

Month," said Stephanie DelFrate. "He excels academically and is active in many school activities and is very much the all around student. He is a very intelligent, hard working young man; he is serious about his education and set very high standards for himself and is willing to do whatever it takes to be successful."

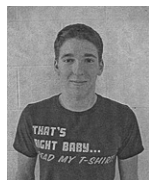
"**JaLeigh Lawson** is a very nice and well liked young lady," said Terry Painter. "She is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader here are Latta and her teachers just can't say enough about her. She is a very good student but also well rounded, she has many interests away from school that keep her very busy. I think that JaLeigh would be very deserving of this honor."

"**Dakota Cotanny** has a good attitude about school," said Cynthia Buchanan. "He strives to perform to the best of his ability in all he does. He has worked hard to maintain passing grades in all his academics. He is active in school basketball and football programs. He is very proud of his Native American Heritage, he likes to design and wear the regalia to perform Powwows. He has performed in numerous Powwows across the state and received awards. He likes to share his experiences of performing in the Powwows. Dakota is committed to learning all he can; especially when it deals with his heritage."

"**Brittany Taylor** is the perfect example of a quiet strong leader," said Meredith Jones. "She is involved in several extracurricular activities and excels at them all. She is active in basketball, track, JOM Tribal Council, Gifted and Talented, choir, Future Farmers of American, 4-H and her church's youth group. She has a passion for horses and devoted most of her life to competing at horse shows both local and national. She holds the leadership positions in

many youth horse associations. She works as a high school office assistance and very reliable and responsible. She is a strong and well round young lady."

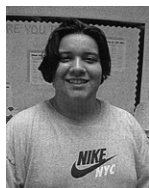
"**Justin Washburn** is very deserving of the honor of Student of the Month," said Meredith Jones. "He is exceptionally polite and respectful. He is very active with extracurricular activities such as football, power lifting, golf and the Future Farmers of America program. He also manages an after school job and still maintains a 3.40 grade point average. He has a good



**Justin Washburn**



**JaLeigh Lawson**



**Dakota Cotanny**



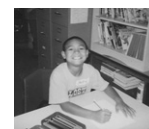
**Brittany Taylor**

attendance record and is not shy about participating in the classroom. He is looked up to by his peers and is an excellent role model."

Students of the Month for the Pickens District are **Cheyenne Keith**, Greenville Elementary, **Jadan Agers**, Plainview Elementary and **Kelsie Tucker**, Comanche Jr. High.

"**Cheyenne Keith** always goes to the extra mile in class," said Greg Franks. "She has excellent behavior, she is the type of student every teacher dreams about. She is a problem solver and gets along well with other students."

"**Jadan Agers** is a very polite young man with a tender heart,"



**Jadan Agers**

said Kim Woods. "His mother is disabled and I think Jadan has compassion exceeding that of most students his age. He works hard and loves to play. He is kind and considerate of others. He is a delight to know and someday will help many people."

"**Kelsie Tucker** is an excellent student," said Brent Craw. "She comes to class everyday prepared and ready to work. She is very quiet and helpful when needed. I recommend Ms. Tucker for Student of the Month."

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said Chief O'Neal. "Now law enforcement officers of these two agencies can stop those who prey on our communities, friends and family without hesitating."

"Today we send a message to those who manufacture, distribute or possess illegal drugs, that they may no longer use jurisdiction limitations to avoid law enforcement."

Director Weaver called the agreement a "win-win" for both state and tribal drug enforcement investigators.

"The jurisdictional pendulum has swung from favoring the criminal element to favoring hard working law enforcement professional," Director Weaver said.

He added that great resolve is necessary when dealing with the "daily cancer of economic based drug traffickers and conspirators."

"Their greed knows no bounds," he said. "They will steal and destroy everything good we want for Oklahoma. Therefore, we must be vigilant and display great perseverance in dismantling and disrupting this seedy part of our society."

A uniform cross deputation agreement created and signed by state and tribal leaders in 2005 provides a framework to enable all law enforcement officers in the state to make lawful arrests inside and outside Indian Country within the state of Oklahoma.

While the agreement applies to all law enforcement agencies in the state, special law enforcement commissions must be issued before law enforcement officers are authorized to take action in the jurisdiction of another agency.

Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel said that he was hopeful the agreement would eliminate barriers to prosecuting drug traffickers.

Oklahoma State Rep. T.W. Shannon, a Chickasaw representing Lawton, read a proclamation expressing the sincere appreciation of the legislature that the two agencies are joining forces.

"Today we stand as an example that when we stand together, anything is possible," he said.

Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Billy, a Chickasaw representing Purcell, said the agreement was about protecting our children.

"In Oklahoma, we come together in times of adversity," she said.

The LPD had previously signed agreements and cross-commissioned officers several local law enforcement agencies. These include the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Department, the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Attorney's Office, the Roff, Allen and Stonewall Police Departments, among others.

"We are working with agencies in each of the 13 counties to help them understand the benefits and opportunities of cross deputation and the special law enforcement commissions," said Chief O'Neal. "Many of those we have talked with have been very receptive to the idea, and we hope to exchange commissions with more of them in the near future."

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center of Native American arts and culture in America.

Kevin Costner was honored as the first Red Earth Ambassador of the Year in 1991 award for his accurate and sensitive treatment of American Indians featured in his award-winning motion picture "Dances with Wolves." Red Earth board member Louise Painter had the vision and along with fellow board member, David

Campbell, the Ambassador of the Year award was created.

Mary Lou Davis, longtime Red Earth supporter, provided underwriting for this prestigious award in memory of her husband, John W. Davis, a Creek-Seminole and past member of the Red Earth Board of Directors.

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## Head Start Graduations 2007

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education recently hosted graduation ceremonies for Head Start programs in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Madill, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

The ceremonies celebrated the school year's completion and the students' advancement into Kindergarten programs.

"This is an exciting time for these students and their families," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We count it a privilege to have these students in class with us and wish a bright future on each one of them."

Throughout the past school year, students have learned basic skills like the alphabet, numbers, colors and shapes as well as lessons unique to the Chickasaw Nation programs like language, music and Chickasaw culture. Many of the classrooms teach not only the Chickasaw language, but Spanish and American Sign Language as well.



Duncan Head Start graduate Kassidi Parks.

During the ceremony each class shared songs, language or other lessons learned in class and were presented diplomas from Governor Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel and Chickasaw Nation Education Division Administrator Lisa John.

Chickasaw Nation Head Start Director Danny Wells also spoke to the students and their families about the importance of this milestone in their lives and congratulated them on what, he hoped, was the first of many graduations to come.

Special thanks were offered to the Ada Chickasaw Nation Community Center, Ardmore Christ Community Church, Duncan First United Methodist Church, Madill Middle School, Sulphur First Free Will Baptist Church

and the Tishomingo Chickasaw Nation Community Center for housing the ceremonies.

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Ada Head Start graduate Caleb Midkiff with Elmo.



Sulphur Head Start graduates Hayley Lowrance, left, and Ivan Reyes.



Ada Head Start graduates are: Antonio Acuna, Cheyenne Adair, Josh Anglin, Savannah Booth, Raymond Burris, Tanner Byrd, MicKeisha Carpenter, Zoe Delozier, Madison Ebert, Landon Estes, Ke-Ke Factor, Melissa Gomez, Chance Harrison, Jason Hubbard, Deondre Hutchinson, Athena Jackson, Cheyanne Jacobs, Jalen Johnson, Lauren John, Diego Jones, Raelyn Kiel, Raigen Leflore, Caleb Midkiff, Bryleigh Morrison, Cameron Nichols, Wyatt Prater, Kasey Price, Joseph Shaw, Butterfly Scott, Devin Standfur, Miquela Boutdara-Stout, Angelina Thomas, Sa Tiger, Gracie Tollett, Sebastian Treat, Kimberly Vaughan, Amon Walker, Jacob Wallace, Brianna Wheeler, Dominic Wheeler, Trinity Whitehead, Colton Wilson and Blaine Wright.



Ada Head Start graduate Gracie Tollett accepts her diploma from Gov. Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Keel.



Madill Head Start graduates from left, Dillon Carter, Kyla Jean Christie, Erik Recio.



Tishomingo Head Start graduates, from left, Zarah DeLeon-Tyson, Summer Imotichey and Alandra Stowe.





# Head Start Graduations 2007



Ardmore Head Start graduates are: Kennedy Barnett, Carlos Corona, Alex Davis, Adrian Gagnon, Karla Garcia, Emily Perez, William Thomas, Story Thurman, Zoe Watkins, Sabastien Wood, Chasity Boston, Patiences Epps, Nicholas Givens, Billy Graysneck, Harley Hansard, Lydia Hernandez, Thomas Joe, Aleia Scott, Kyarra Thomas, Jacob Willmond, Nicole Barnes, Kiara Burmeister, Ashley Egbert, Laura Gonzalez, Braiden Lee, Lacey Parker, Maggie Robinson, Jade Russell, Hannah Saucer, Dawsn Brown, Elijah Campbell, Elia Castellon, Kalie Douglas, Caleb Farve, Matthew Farve II, Stormie Hester, Abigail Norton, Hunter Parrish, Mahayla Robinson, Damien Whitehead, Caleb Willis.



Ardmore Head Start graduates from left, Carlos Corona, Kennedy Barnett and Luis Alvarez Jr.



Duncan Head Start graduates are: Matthew Baker, Casey Denham, Luis Estrada, D'Andre Flowers, Tiffany Hamilton, Christina Hernandez, Javier Martinez, Justice Neeld, Kassidi Parks, Dustin Popejoy, Jacob Puckett, Aralis Ramirez, Cason Rhone, Emilie Riley, Emily Salazar and Jordan Snyder.



Madill Head Start graduates are: Sheridan Lee Ahearn, Lucas Marion Algeo, Dillon Eugene Carter, Kyla Jean Christie, Kyla Kaitlyn Christie, Hunter Ray Elkins, Joshua Dale Forbes, Abraham Fuentes, Yesica Gonzalez-Castaneda, Mackenzie Faith Griffith, Braden Nathaniel Herndon, Lizbeth Gomez Huerta, Kaci Dawn Jackson, Colton Tyler Jones, Talon Lane Kendrix, Austin Joe Maxey, David Quiroz and Erik Recio.



Tishomingo Head Start graduates are: Sienna Rose Baxter, Angel Nichole Carroll, Noel Reann Cheesman, Zarah Jade DeLeon-Tyson, Jordan Tyler Dubon, Tommy Dean Wayne Hamilton, Summer Nicole Imotichey, Jakob Lee Kreger, Cameron Jay Moore, Autumn Kay Patton and Alandra Breann Stowe.



Sulphur Head Start graduates are: Gregory Billy, Darnell Colbert, Cason Dollar, Mason Dunham, Garrett Hickman, Cheyenne Johnson, Meredith Jones, Zakkary Mann, Ashley McGhee-Nail, Levi Norton, Austin Pace, Garrett Trett, Isaac Underwood, Sergio Adjuntas, Blaine Castillo, Jace Collier, Cedon Harazda, Trinity Huckabaa, Alexis Hughes, Harley Jacobs, Hayley Lowrance, Tandee Mize, Ivan Reyes, Dylan Rogers, Kayte Roller, Cody Shadwick, Jennifer Ugalde.

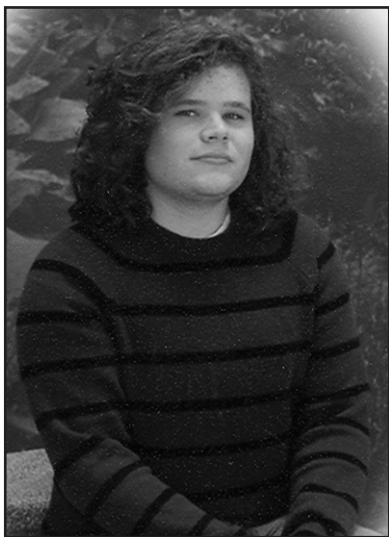


## Caleb Edward Biele

Caleb Edward Biele is a 2007 graduate of Fringe Tree Academy (home schooled), Charlotte, N.C. He is the son of Steven and Deborah Biele. He is the grandson of Charles and Rose Blankenship and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Will Nail.

Caleb is active in baseball, and plays the guitar for Youth Praise at Hickroy Baptist Church, from middle school throughout high school.

He plans to begin community college the fall of 2007.



## Diana Alexandra Witmer



Diana Alexandra Witmer is a 2007 graduate of The Ramestein American High School, Ramestein A.F.B. Germany. She is the daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Crooks-Witmer. She is the granddaughter of Earl and Dixie Mitchell and Gary and Peggy Motes-Crooks. She is the great granddaughter of original enrollee Lillie M. Reed-Motes and Jefferson Motes.

Diana has lived many places, being born into a military family. She has managed the high school football team for three years. She loves to watch soccer games and she is employed after school.

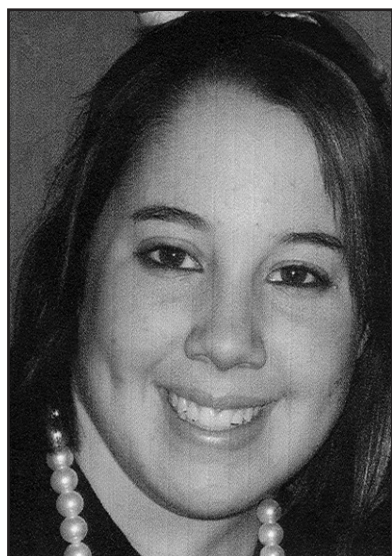
She plans to return to the states after graduation to further her education.

## Krystal Nicole Parker

Krystal Nicole Parker is a 2007 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock, Texas. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Paula Parker. She is the granddaughter of Edwin and Grace Bullard and Larry and Donna Parker.

Krystal is graduating with honors from Monterey. She has been in the band-playing trombone since junior high.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University to become an early education teacher.



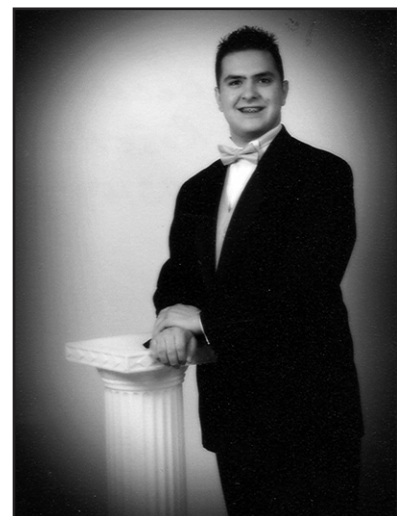
## Erik Kyle Crooks-Becerra

Erik Kyle Crooks-Becerra is a 2007 graduate of Westmore High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Jorge Becerra and Judith Crooks. He is the grandson of Gary and Peggy Crooks and Maria Becerra.

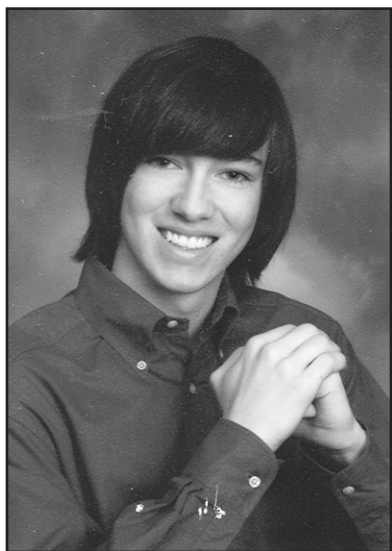
Erik has been active in soccer for seven years. He has attended the Moore/Norman Vo-Tech where he studied auto body which he might pursue as a business or hobby through school.

He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree in meteorology and business.

He wants to thank his parents and grandparents for their support.



## C.J. Billing



C.J. Billing is a 2007 graduate of Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H. He is the son of Carl and Dona Billing. He is the grandson of Clare B. and Roberta E. Billing.

C.J. has been a member of the Londonderry High School Lancer Marching and concert band for four years. He also participated in jazz band, and is a charter member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. He is a class representative and played on the LHS golf team for three years.

He plans to attend the University of New Haven and major in music.

## Tamra Kay Shackelford



Tamra Kay Shackelford is a 2007 graduate of Purcell High School, Purcell, Okla. She is the daughter of Randy and Karla Shackelford. She is the granddaughter of Octavia and Evertt Shackelford and Porter and Sue McDaniel.

Tamra has been a member of the National Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor and Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society for three years. She has been selected to be in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, Girl's State Representative and has been on the Superintendents, Principal's and Chickasaw Nation Honor Rolls. Tamra was chosen as the Chickasaw Student of the Year in 2006.

She has served as president of the Science Club, vice-president of junior class, secretary of Science Club, treasurer of National Honor Society, Vice Chairman of McClain Bank Student Board of Directors and has been a member of student council.

Tamra has been involved in choir, Spanish club, FCCLA, tennis, basketball, slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball.

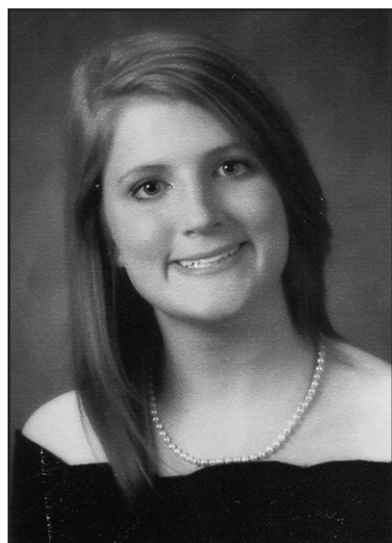
Her activity honors for fast and slow pitch combined include seven district championships, four regional championships, one state quarterfinalist, two state semifinalists, one state runner-up and one state championship. She was named to the All Star Conference Team for three years and received the Purcell Defensive Player of the Year and Purcell Offensive Player of the Year awards. Tamra was named the Chickasaw Nation Athlete of the Year in 2006.

She enjoys many cultural activities including shaking shells with the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe and showing up the guys playing stickball.

Her future plans involve attending East Central University, Ada, Okla., to major in business and communications.



## Karoline Knapp

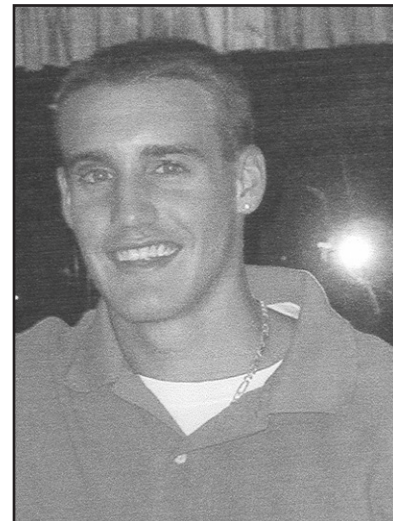


Karoline Knapp is a 2007 graduate of Bishop McGuiness High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Rick Knapp and Teresa Shavney. She is the granddaughter of Beulah Shavney and Helen Knapp.

Karoline was a member of the McGuiness swim team.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma.

## Hasten Donnell McDermott



Hasten Donnell McDermott is a 2007 graduate of Clayton High School, Clayton, N.C. He is the son of Kyle and Irene McDermott. He is the grandson of Barbara Holland McDermott.

Hasten has been a member of the principals list and honor roll for four years and a member of the National Honor Society and baseball team.

He will attend East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. to pursue a degree in business and a master's degree.

## David Taliaferro

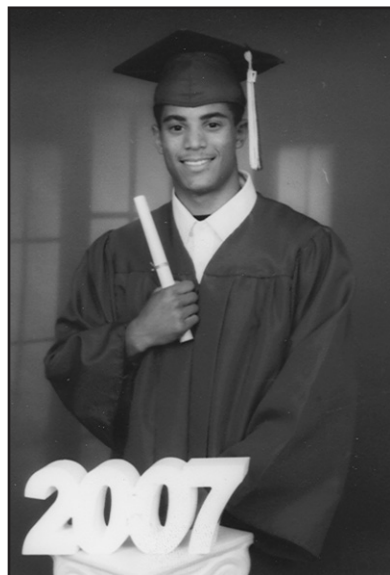
David Taliaferro is a 2007 graduate of Orthopaedic Hospital Medical Magnet High School, Los Angeles, Calif. He is the son of David Taliaferro and Shethla Carter-Taliaferro. He is the grandson of Alice Carter and the late Milton Carter.

David is an honor student and has been since elementary school. He was elected vice president of his junior class. He is a member of leadership, peer trainer, and anti-defamation league.

He is active in basketball and in his junior year voted most valuable player and also leading the league in the most blocked shots. He joined his fellow classmates and worked hard as they formed the Academic Decathlon team in 2007. It was the school's first year participating in the Academic Decathlon and he was the only member of the team to be awarded an individual medal.

He was recently accepted to the University of California Irvine, he plans to graduate and become an anesthesiologist.

We are so very proud of David.



## Amber Kristine Brown



Amber Kristine Brown is a 2007 graduate of Coalgate High School, Coalgate, Okla. She is the daughter of Tony and Melody Taylor and David Brown. She is the granddaughter of J.D. and Ruthie Smith, Martin Brown, Darrell and Tootsie Taylor, the late Jack Campbell and the late Earl and Anita Woods.

Amber has been a member of Jana Henderson's School of Dance for 12 years. She enjoys scrap booking, shopping and hanging out with her friends.

Amber's future plans are to finish Vo-Tech and pursue a career in cosmetology.

## Jasmine Nichole Walker

Jasmine Nichole Walker is a 2007 graduate of Ada Alternative, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Ronda Futischa. She is the granddaughter of Carolyn Key.

Jasmine plans to work for a while, have fun and maybe get married.

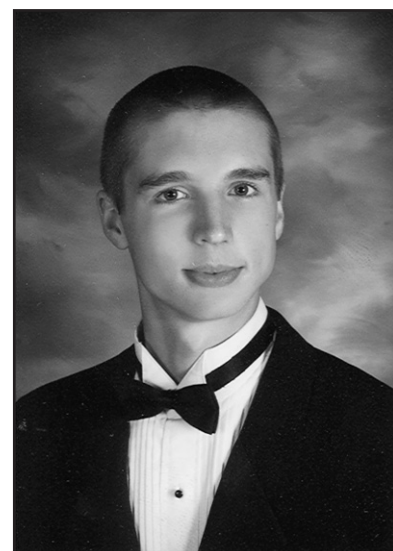


## Bennie Ray LaPrade

Bennie Ray LaPrade is a 2007 graduate of Elizabethtown High School, Elizabethtown, Ky. He is the son of Guy and Elaine LaPrade. He is the grandson of Barbara and the late Bennie Joe LaPrade, Dean Little and the late Billy Little. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee W.W. Perkins, Jr.

Bennie is an honor graduate. He participated in football his freshman year, and was a member of the 2003 State play-off team. He was a member of the track team his junior and senior years, competing in the 4X100 relay, long jump, triple jump and high jump. He was region champion in high jump his junior year. He played basketball for four years and a member of the region champion team and making a "Sweet 16" appearance his sophomore year, district champion team his junior year and District All-Tournament team his senior year. Bennie is also a member of Beta Club.

He plans to attend college in the fall and major in mechanical engineering.





## Shane Vietzke

Shane Vietzke is a 2007 graduate of Pauls Valley High School, Pauls Valley, Okla. He is the son of Tom and Rebekah Vietzke. He is the grandson of Janet Smith.

Shane has earned many honors throughout high school in academics, leadership, athletic, and community involvement.

As a freshman, he was awarded the Citizenship Award, Outstanding English I student, Outstanding Physical Science Student, Garvin County Hall of Fame inductee, student council president and lettered in football and baseball.

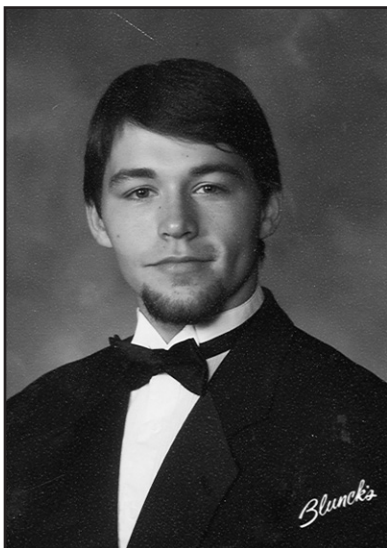
As a sophomore he was inducted into the National Honor Society (3 years), Oklahoma Indian Honor Society (3 years), Outstanding Anatomy Student, sophomore class president, and lettered in football, basketball and baseball.

He was selected as a Boy's State alternate and Leadership Oklahoma alternate during his junior year. Additional junior honors include Outstanding English III student, Pauls Valley Foundation for Academic Excellence honoree (junior and senior), 4H State Ambassador and People to People Student Ambassador to Europe, junior class vice-president, Art Club Treasurer and lettered in basketball and baseball.

Shane's senior honors include Rotary Student of the Week, PVHS Drum Major, Oklahoma Academic Scholar, student council president, senior class vice-president, Key Club treasurer, art club vice-president, 4H Southwest District Song Leader, and lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He has received the esteem honor as being selected as a member of Oklahoma State University's President's Leadership Council for his freshmen year at OSU, as well as an OSU President's Leadership Scholarship.

He has served as the Johnson O'Malley student representative on the Pauls Valley Parent Committee for four years. He was also selected as the PVHS Chickasaw Student of the Year.

His immediate goals include attending Oklahoma State University in the fall and pursuing a career in Communications; Film Editing and Production.

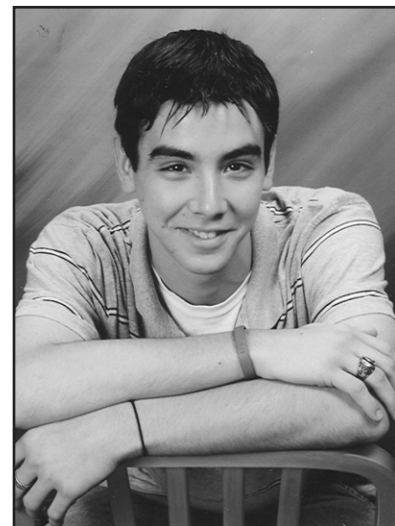


## Graham Joseph Switzer

Graham Joseph Switzer is a 2007 graduate of Klein Oak High School, Spring, Texas. He is the son of John and Babette Switzer.

Graham's passion for many years has been playing drums and has played in several bands.

He has shown an interest in the business side of the entertainment industry and would like to study business at Stephen's F. Austin University.



## DaRae Nichole Crawford



DaRae Nichole Crawford is a 2007 graduate of Dibble High School, Dibble, Okla. She is the daughter of Teresa Brown, Purcell, Okla. and Danny Crawford, Dibble, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Gene Brown, Artesia, N.M., Harold Crawford, Lindsay, Okla., Lenora Weatherford, Lindsay, and Sally Bolen Harrah, Beckley, W.V.

She has participated in basketball, cheerleading and track for four years. She is a member of the National Honor Society - president, senior class president, student council vice president, academic team, FCA and valedictorian.

She plans to attend to cheer at USAO for a couple years, then transfer to the University of Oklahoma for her degree and to also cheer.

## Kelby James Kiedrowski

Kelby James Kiedrowski is a 2007 graduate of Prairie High School, Vancouver, Wash. He is the son of Kevin Kiedrowski, and Kara O'Mara-Kiedrowski(Chickasaw). He is the grandson of Ramona Massey-O'Mara (Chickasaw) and the great-grandson of Velma Scott-Massey(Chickasaw).

Kelby is graduating from Prairie High School with a 3.40 GPA. He has been involved in fire science and has been a fire cadet for the past two years for Clark County Fire Station 11-1. Last year he received the Most Motivated Cadet award. Kelby enjoys horses, archery, and modern firearm hunting as well as hiking, fishing, and outdoor activities. He has been an active 4H member for nine years, most recently in sheep and livestock judging. He is on the livestock judging team for Clark County. He also serves as a student representative on the 4H leader's association board of directors in Clark County.

He plans to attend Lower Columbia Community College where he will be studying for his associates degree in fire science then will continue studying for his bachelors degree in business administration. Kelby's dream is to work as a fireman and to own and manage a successful ranching business.

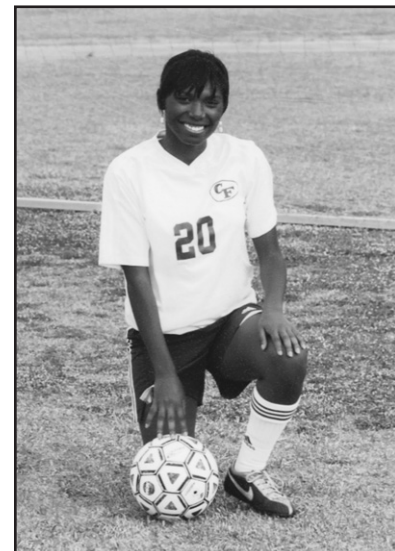


## Ashley Lachelle Lewis

Ashley Lachelle Lewis is a 2007 graduate of Central Fellowship Christian Academy, Midwest City, Okla. She is the daughter of John and Nichole Clement and Kevin Hunt. She is the granddaughter of John and Jacci Bowers and Jimmy and Lachelle Hunt. She is the great-granddaughter of Lila Hardy, John Rainage, Mary Hogans and Victoria Hunt.

Ashley participated in varsity basketball, soccer, softball and track. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America.) She is treasurer for the senior class student council and volunteers at the Peake Health Care Center.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma in the fall to pursue a degree in architectural engineering.



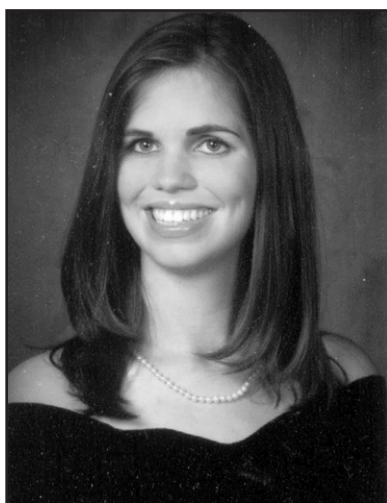


## Caitlin Skelly Clements

Caitlin Skelly Clements is a 2007 Graduate of Casady High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Edward and Matilda Clements. She is the granddaughter of Richard and Mary Clements and the late William and Lolah Burford. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Arline Johson LeFlore, an original enrollee and great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee the late Edward B. Johnson.

Caitlin is a National Merit Finalist, an inductee into the Cum Laude Society and graduated with a 4.2 GPA. She was editor of LOGOS, her school literary magazine, a member of the Youth Advisory Council of Camp Fire USA and also served on the board of directors. She received the Presidential Award for Service Learning, and has won awards for the highest GPA in her class each year, as well as awards for her "outstanding personal character and intellectual promise." Caitlin is fluent in French, and has finished first in the State of Oklahoma on the National French Exam for four years, and has placed in the top 10 nationally each year. Her other interests include photography and film making, for which she has won local and regional awards. She is an accomplished equestrian, and has ridden for eleven years.

Caitlin plans to attend The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va., where she has been awarded the Murray Scholarship. She plans to study history and film.



## Trevan Lee Jimboy

Trevan Lee Jimboy is a 2007 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Gwen Burris and the late Gene Jimboy. He is the grandson of Mildred Bohanon Burris, the late Rev. Lee Burris and the late Wood and Ella Mae Jimboy.

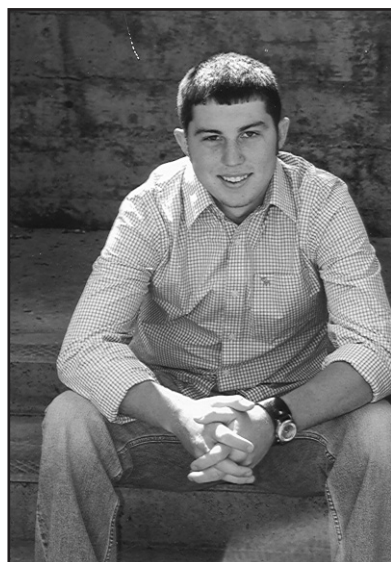
Trev was a four-year member of the Latta boys basketball team and is an active independent ball player. He is currently traveling with the 4 Love of the Game team and will play in the Native American Basketball Invitational, Phoenix, Ariz., in July. He has played for Red Hoops since junior high, Ada Tar Heels AAU and various All-Indian teams.

Some of his basketball accomplishments have been Crowder Invitational all-tournament team, Ada Evening New All-Star, Ada Area second team, Oklahoma Boys Coaches Association All-Star, Team Oklahoma member in the North American Indigenous Games, All-Star (2006-2007), 2007 MVP 4 Love of the Game All-Indian March Madness Tournament, Team Hoyt scholarship recipient and selected as the 2007 Senior Chickasaw Athlete of the Year. He was crowned 2006 - 2007 Latta Homecoming King and was chosen as Best All-Around and Best Physique in his senior class. He was a member of FCA and was class president in his sophomore and junior years and is an alumnus of "IT'S TIME" Indian Theatre.

Treven plans to play basketball at Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., to pursue a degree in social services and eventually enter the ministry as a youth director.



## Jordan Steger



Jordan Steger is a 2007 graduate of Newcastle High School, Newcastle, Okla. He is the son of John and Della Steger. He is the grandson of Pat and John Steger and Weleeta Hilton Stillwell.

Jordan has attended Newcastle from kindergarten through his senior year. He was the pitcher for his high school baseball team.

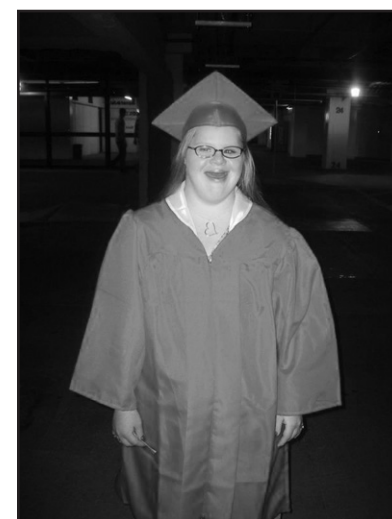
He enjoys fishing, hunting and skiing.

He plans to attend Metro-Tech for aviation repair.

## Ashlie Thurman

Ashlie Thurman is a 2007 graduate of Yukon High School, Yukon, Okla. She is the daughter of David Thurman and the late Lisa Thurman. She is the granddaughter of Macalyen Duke, Ada, Okla.

She lives with her aunt, Debra Thurman in Yukon and plans to attend the Dale Rogers Training Center to further her education.



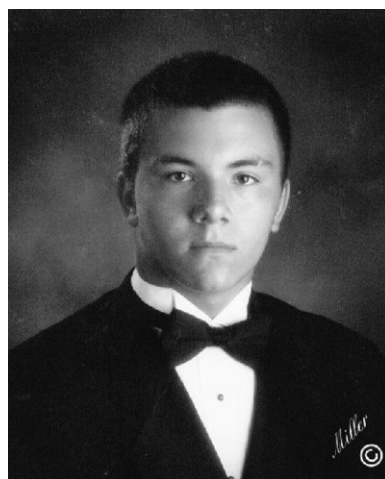
## Zack Richardson

Zack Richardson is a 2007 graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. He is the son of Paul Richardson, Fort Walton Beach and Kim Richardson, Dothan, Ala. He is the grandson of Phillip Richardson and the late Mary Harris Richardson, Box Springs, Ga.

Zack and his family will be attending a family reunion in Sulphur, Okla., in late June and they plan to learn more of their Chickasaw heritage.

His plans are to attend Okaloosa-Walton College for two years before entering the U.S. Air Force pursuing a career in radiology.

His family is very proud of him and his plans for the future.



## Seth J. Foster

Seth J Foster is a 2007 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur Okla. He is the son of Mick and Patricia Marsh and the grandson of Milford and Betty Foster.

His interest are playing with his dog, Oscar, skateboarding and fishing.





## Matthew Winchester

Matthew Winchester Smith is a 2007 graduate of Norman High School, Norman, Okla. He is the son of Michael Colbert and Kathryn R. Smith. He is the grandson of the late Colbert C. and Marjorie A. Smith and the great-grandson of original enrollee Mabel Smith. He is a descendant of Winchester Colbert. He is the nephew of the Honorable Justice Barbara Anne Smith, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Chickasaw Nation.

Matthew participated in Norman High basketball, volunteered as an assistant in the classroom for handicapped students during his junior and senior years, assisted with the Special Olympics, was on the Principal's Honor Roll and the Chickasaw Nation Honor Roll. He is an active member of Young Life and is an accomplished conga drum player.

Matthew has been offered a scholarship and plans to attend Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.

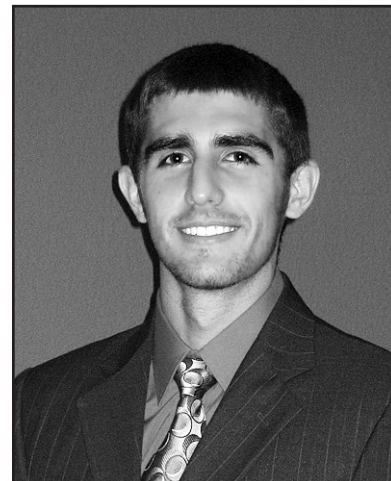


## Jared Benjamin Taylor

Jared Benjamin Taylor is a 2007 graduate of McComb's School of Business at the University of Texas in Austin. He will graduate with a BBA in business management.

He is currently employed at Ryder/Applied Materials in Austin, where he completed his internship, and plans to reside in Austin after graduation.

Jared wishes to extend his gratitude to the Chickasaw Nation's Education Department, for their generous support in helping him achieve his goal.



## Ashley Lyn Williams

Ashley Lyn Williams is a 2007 graduate of Murray State College. She is the daughter of Larry and Linda Williams. She is the granddaughter of Edina Imotichey.

Ashley is a 2004 graduate of Sulphur High School, and on May 11, 2007 she graduated from Murray State College in the Veterinary Technology Program. She has been on the Vice President's Honor Roll and the Chickasaw Governor's Honor Roll for three years. She received the Sophomore Award for Academic Excellence and Sophomore Award for Clinical Excellence.

Ashley is one of four students in the United States selected to attend a one year Veterinary Technician Internship at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She would like to thank the staff of Murray State College Veterinary Technology Department, The Chickasaw Program, OLAP and parents for making her graduation a success.



## Chris Moody

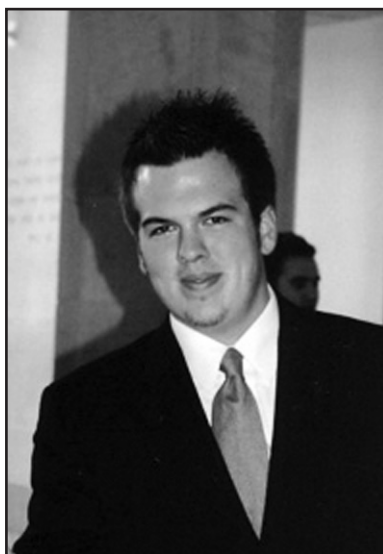
Chris Moody is a 2007 summa cum laude graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a B.A. in political science.

He was involved in many leadership activities at OU, including The Big Event executive committee for three years, CAC Publicity Week, CAC Howdy Week, College of Arts & Sciences Leadership Scholars, and others. He was a fellow with two nationally known minority business organizations based in New York City, Management Leadership for Tomorrow and Sponsors for Educational Opportunity respectively. His many awards include the President's Award for Outstanding Sophomores, the Robert Dean Bass Memorial Political Science Scholarship, the June Oliver & Benson Award for Outstanding Native American students, the Sequoyah Heritage Scholarship, Outstanding Scholar of the Year for the Henderson Scholars Program, the Walton/ Bank2 Outstanding Banking

student award, and many others.

He interned on Wall Street the summer of his junior year, working for Citigroup's Investment Banking division in New York City, and also interned for the Chickasaw-owned Bank2 for the previous three years in numerous departments.

Chris and his wife of two years Amanda will move to Houston, shortly where he will serve two years with Teach for America--the nation's premiere teacher corps of recent college graduates. He then plans to return to Wall Street and work in investment banking for an additional two years, before returning to school and pursuing an MBA.



## Jennifer Darras Parks

Chickasaw student Jennifer Darras Parks is a 2007 graduate of East Central University, Ada, Okla. She received her bachelor of social work.

Jennifer is married to Randy Parks and has an eleven-year-old son Preston.

She is the daughter of Herb Darras, Ada, and Kathy Prentice, Allen, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Gene and Lorene Prentice, Allen, and the late Alfred and Ann Darras, Allen. She works for the Chickasaw Nation as the manager of the Career Technology & Training Development program in the Education Services Department.



## James Eric Bettes

Chickasaw student James Eric Bettes is a 2007 graduate from the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in industrial safety. He attended Eastern Oklahoma State College for one year and the next three years at UCO. He was active in the UCO Outreach Program, ASSE (safety organization), Phi Theta Kappa, and Gold Key Club.

His plans are to finish a Spanish class and to work in the safety industries.

"I am very appreciative of the encouragement and financial assistance that the Chickasaw Nation gave me in the furthering of my education. I am excited about the future and moving into the workforce. I am proud to be Chickasaw"





# Indian artist submissions sought for USDA poster

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recognizes and celebrates the many different cultures to which we have the opportunity to offer our services and programs, including American Indians. November has been designated as American Indian Heritage Month. This provides an opportunity to make people aware of the history of American Indians and their contributions to the world.

One of the ways NRCS celebrates American Indian Heritage Month is by distributing a poster created by an American Indian artist. Each year an artist has the opportunity to exhibit his/her talents and heritage on a national level, and the South Central Region of the American Indian/Alaskan Native Employees Association (which includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas), has been chosen for 2007.

Below is information for American Indian artists who may be interested in submitting their artwork. Only one piece of artwork will be selected to become the 2007 American Indian Heritage Month poster. Details are as follows:

- All Tribal artists are invited to submit their artwork.
- The theme for the artwork is **"We are all one family dedicated to protecting Mother Earth"**.
- The **story** behind the artwork **must accompany** the

poster to the address given below.

- Each artist is to **notify** Leota Burnett at (918)542-4771 Ext. 107, or email [leota.burnett@ok.usda.gov](mailto:leota.burnett@ok.usda.gov), OR Carol Crouch at (405)527-3241, Ext. 108 or email [Carol.Crouch@ok.usda.gov](mailto:Carol.Crouch@ok.usda.gov), **by June 29, 2007**, if they will be **submitting** their artwork for this purpose.

- The artist will **provide one original artwork**, size 18" X 24", acrylic or oil on canvas, ready for reproduction. The artwork is to be delivered to:

USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service

ATTN: Jasper Parker, Acting Public Affairs Specialist  
100 USDA, Suite 206

Stillwater, OK 74074-2655 (Tel. 405-742-1243) **by July 10, 2007 (no exceptions)**

- A Heritage Poster selection committee will judge the artwork and **select a winner** no later than **July 12, 2007**.

- NRCS will purchase the artwork for the poster from the artist for \$2,000.00.

- NRCS has the right to reproduce and distribute copies of the artwork at its discretion.

- NRCS and the artist will sign a contractual agreement to set forth terms of procurement and rights of both parties.

Many posters have been prepared in past years by American Indian artists from tribes nationwide. Contact your local Natural Resources Conservation

Service to see an example.

This will be an excellent public awareness opportunity for the artist and the Tribe. Copies of the poster will be distributed to all NRCS offices nationwide for local exhibition.

We hope many talented Tribal artists will take advantage of this opportunity to promote and share their heritage. If there are any questions, please contact Leota Burnett at (918)542-4771 Ext. 107; email [leota.burnett@ok.usda.gov](mailto:leota.burnett@ok.usda.gov) or Carol Crouch at (405)527-3241 Ext. 108; email [carol.crouch@ok.usda.gov](mailto:carol.crouch@ok.usda.gov).

## Youth development, culture focus of workshops

### Tribe to host Indian Scouting conference

The Chickasaw Nation will host the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual American Indian Scouting Association seminar for youth and adults July 7 through 11 at East Central University in Ada, Okla.

Indian and non-Indian youth and adults will explore strategies for youth development and improvement of life in American Indian communities through Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs and services.

Chickasaw history and customs will be featured as Chickasaws share tribal culture and heritage. Tours of various facilities will also be provided.

Conference highlights include presentation of the Joseph T. Provost award and the Francis X. Guardipee Grey Wolf Awards. These awards recognize distinguished service to American Indian youth.

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Workshops will be available to assist adults responsible for leadership and administration of youth programs. These workshops will provide training and a forum for the exchange of ideas.

The American Indian Scouting Association is a collaboration between American Indian tribal leaders, educators and the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and the Boy Scouts of America.

This national organization was formed to address issues facing today's Indian youth and to provide training and leadership opportunities for adult leaders of American Indian youth.

The AISA seeks to enable American Indian youth to develop their talents and capabilities. Primary goals are to help young people maintain their cultural identities while build-

ing bridges which will enable them to become successful and productive members of both societies.

The fee for the seminar is \$175 for adults and youth registered prior to June 1. The fee increases to \$200 after June 1.

A limited amount of funds are available for Youth Scholarship Grants, based on financial need.

For more information and registration forms, contact:

Don Rogers  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079 Irving, TX 75015-2079

Paayal Mahajan  
Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.  
420 Fifth Ave. 15<sup>th</sup> floor  
New York NY 10018

Or visit [www.americanindianscouting.org](http://www.americanindianscouting.org).

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## Students in job readiness workshops

DURANT, Okla. – A total of 55 junior and senior high school students from Bryan and Marshall county schools received a great opportunity to participate in the first Job Readiness Workshop March 6 at the Durant Technology Center. The workshop was designed by Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services to help students who have a current Individual Education Plan gain the knowledge and information they need to prepare for the workforce.

Throughout the day students participated in sessions: Interviewing 101, 411 on Applying for a Job, Work Expectations and

Job Seeking Strategies. Presenters for each topic were employees from Oklahoma DRS, DRS BEST unit, Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation and Choctaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation. Chickasaw Nation VR employees Valorie Walters and Jason Burns presented Interviewing 101 which focused on: proper introductions, actions during job interviews and possible interview questions.

Students also gained employment information by Human Resource Personnel from: Wal-Mart, Lowes, CM Trailers, Victory Home Health, Medical Center of Southeastern Okla-

homa, Sundowners Trailers, TH Rogers, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Choctaw Casino. Each representative explained to the students: how to apply for positions, wages, benefits, advancement and expectations of employees.

"This was a great event for our community to gather and give the youth important tools they need to become excellent employees. I am glad Chickasaw Nation VR was requested to participate in the event and I commend Diana Kizer and DRS for their hard work and dedication which made this workshop a success," said Valorie Walters.



# CNHS Audiology group shares warning signs of hearing loss

The Carl Albert Indian Hospital Audiology Department celebrated Better Hearing and Speech Month during May.

Since 1927, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association has celebrated Better Hearing and Speech Month at this time each year. This month of awareness is a good time to analyze your hearing and determine if you are one of the estimated 28 million Americans who have a hearing loss that can be treated. Some common signs of hearing loss are:

- frequently asking people to repeat themselves
- often turning your ear toward a sound to hear it better
- understanding people better when you wear your glasses or look directly at their faces
- losing your place in a group conversation
- keeping the volume on your radio or TV at a level that others say is too loud
- having pain or ringing in

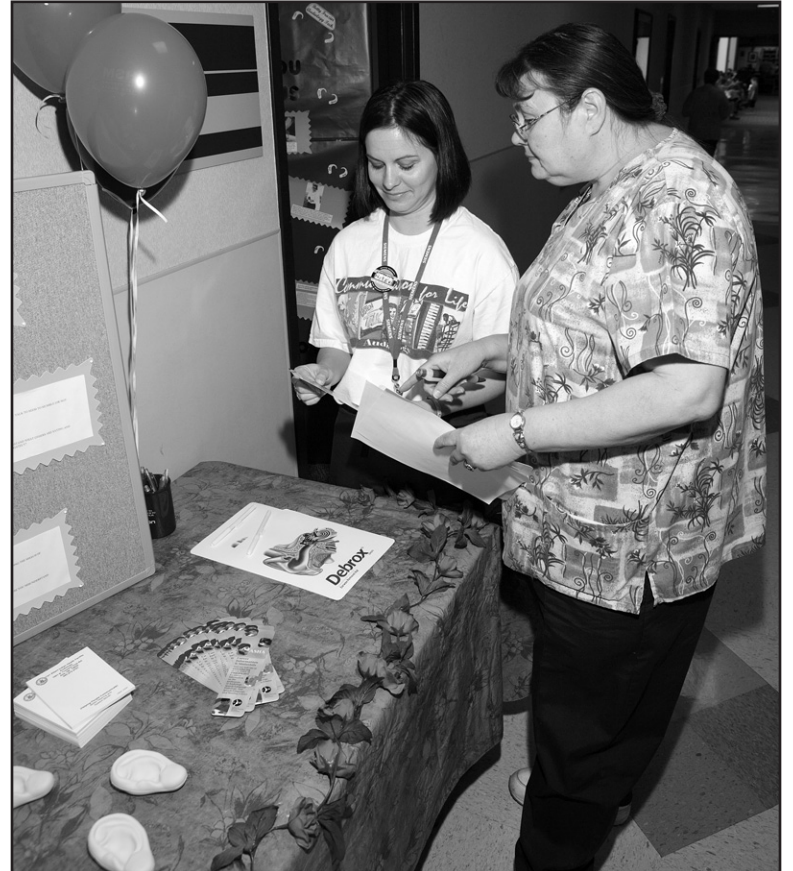


**Tom Cooper has his hearing checked by CNHS Audiologist Miranda Seal (background).**

your ears

Throughout the month, the Audiology Clinic at Carl Albert hosted several informational fairs and performed hearing screenings. Even though Better Hearing and Speech Month has passed, it is never too late

to have your hearing checked. If you think you may have a hearing problem, contact the Audiology Clinic at (800) 851-9136 ext. 81103 to schedule an appointment for an exam. *Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.*



**Rhonda Billy visits with Miranda Seal at the Audiology booth at CAIHF.**

## Celebrating 'Week of the Young Child'

# Over 2,000 enjoy events at annual Children's Fair

ADA, Okla. - The 2007 Children's Fair was Saturday, April 28 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex.

Approximately 2,100 people attended this year's event. The Children's Fair helps celebrate the Week of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"We hope this event will help foster the importance of safety, health, education and overall wellness for our children today so they will continue to grow and become the leaders of tomorrow," said Gov. Anoatubby.

The free family-oriented event features door prizes, information booths, food, entertainment, rides, a petting zoo, clowns, balloon art, face painting, martial arts and many other activities throughout the day.

Events included performances by the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center, the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe, a fashion show, parent/child races, the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Diaper Dash and much more. The Chickasaw Nation Head Start Language

Group, which recently attended the Native American Language Fair at the University of Oklahoma, was also on-hand and performed a song and counted to 10 in Chickasaw.

The Children's Fair is coordinated each year by the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Nation Health System and the Pontotoc County Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

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**Keela Scott and Kelli Mills visit with Carla Eidson from Get Fresh! at the 2007 Children's Fair**



**A youngster enjoys the bean bag toss.**



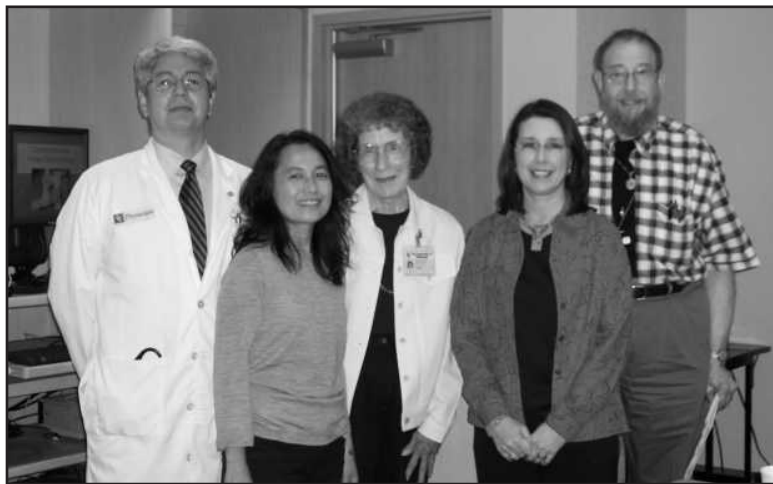
**Mason Gray enjoys the balloon art at the Children's Fair.**



**2007 Diaper Dash winners: Makenzie Wynn (gold medal) - Mom is Trista Wynn; Paige Piper (silver medal) - Mom is Ann James; Luke Foreman (bronze medal) - Mom is Renay Foreman; and Chanel Cleveland (fourth place) - Mom is Regina Harjo.**



## CNHS' Dr. Tina Cooper discusses cultural awareness and medicine



From left, Robert Salinsas, MD, Pa Heu, MD, Jacqueline Cook, panel coordinator, Tina Cooper, MD and Howard Stein, Ph.D. Not pictured is Wallace McLeod, MD.

## National Women's Health Week

The Chickasaw Nation celebrated National Women's Health Week May 13-19, 2007.

"All citizens are encouraged to work together to promote and improve the health of women and to increase awareness and understanding of women's health issues," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

Health care representatives from different fields were available throughout the week at

the Carl Albert Indian Hospital lobby. There were free items and useful information available each day.

The following departments participated in this year's celebration: Women's Health- Cardiology and Nursing, Diabetes, Wellness, Nutrition Services and Behavioral Health.

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Stephanie Leland and Barbara Quinlan provide useful information to patients during National Women's Health Week.

## MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

Walk with your head held high and chin slightly tucked (not jutting forward.) Lead with your chest. Keep your shoulders down, back and relaxed.

Occasionally shake your arms to prevent shoulder tension.

Use your arms to increase the aerobic benefit of your walk. Bend them at a 90-degree angle at your elbow, then pump your elbows back and forth.

Use the talk test to determine the right pace for you. If are you

are a beginner, make sure you are able to comfortably hold a conversation with a partner. As your fitness increases, take faster steps until it is almost difficult to talk-about a mile to 15 minutes.

Use walking as meditation. Notice your rhythmic breathing and your feet as they hit they ground. Or repeat phrases like "I am fit" and "I am strong" in time with your steps.

Chickasaw Nation Health System physician Dr. Tina Cooper, a Chickasaw, spoke at Grand Rounds at the University of Oklahoma on May 2, 2007.

The Grand Rounds presentation was presented to the residents and doctors of the OU Family Practice Residency in Oklahoma City. According to Dr. Cooper, this presentation is used as a learning tool to provide

medical information to medical residents and doctors. This particular presentation was aimed at helping residents understand how cultural background and ethnicity can influence certain aspects of the medical field and how to effectively communicate and improve interaction with patients of differing cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

During the presentation, doc-

tors of differing ethnic backgrounds shared their perspectives in delivering health care to their particular cultural group while remaining culturally sensitive to the value and belief systems of their patients. Each presenter also led a small discussion group.

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## Move It! events have people exercising

The Chickasaw Nation sponsored three Move It! Family Fun Walks during the month of May. More than 400 people participated in the family-oriented events.

The events were hosted at Purcell and Ardmore on May 12 and at Ada on May 19.

Move It! Is the National Diabetes Education Program's cam-

paign to help increase physical activity and combat diabetes. Diabetes is one of the most serious health challenges facing American Indians and Alaska Natives in the United States.

Diet and exercise are key factors in eliminating and reducing the risk of diabetes. Many Chickasaw Nation programs provided information booths at

the Move It! events including: Diabetes Prevention, Moccasin Trails, Wellness, Strong Family Development, Camps and Recreation, as well as an "Ask a Dietitian" booth.

Free water and fresh fruit were also available for participants at each event. The first 100 participants to show up at each event also received a free pedometer.



Chickasaw Nation tribal legislator Mary Jo Green participates in the Ada Family Fun Walk.



This couple decides to step it up a notch and jog at the Family Fun Walk in Ada!



Participants at the Purcell Family Fun Walk enjoyed fresh fruit provided by Nutrition Services.



This duo enjoys their time at the Ardmore Family Fun Walk.



# Melba Burris selected CNHS 'Nurse of the Year'



From left, Heather Summers, RN, Director of Nursing; Bill Lance, CNHS Administrator; Wilma Harden, Tomi Tice, Melba Burris, Shawnia Reed, Sabrina Vaughn and Linda Wooten. Not pictured: Martha Jimboy, Linda Fields and Sherry Poblete.

## REACH event promotes fun exercise for kids

The Chickasaw Nation REACH 2010 program hosted a physical activity event on April 30 at the Lazer Zone family fun center. Participants could bowl, play lazer tag or mini golf at no cost during this event.

The Oklahoma Native American REACH 2010 Initiative is part of a national campaign created to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease and diabetes on Native Americans.

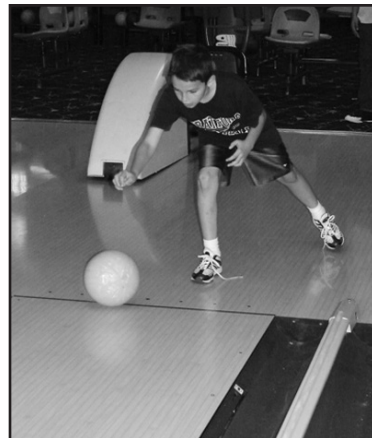
In an effort to increase physical activity, REACH sponsors two to four physical activity events per month including; swimming, skating, bowling,



**Cooper McCage**

golf and many other family-oriented activities.

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation REACH 2010 program, please contact



**Matthew White Buffalo**

Lea Caufield at (580) 310-9661.

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## CHIC, continued from page 1

the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM). NLM is the world's largest medical library, located on the campus of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. Created by the U.S. soon after the Civil War, NLM has become the clearinghouse for historic and current medical information of all kinds.

The genesis of CHIC developed in 2005 when Computercraft, a Chickasaw-owned biotech project management company, funded the initial startup of the operation. Last year, the CHIC project received a \$30,000 grant from NLM to fund two tribal fellows to learn more about NLM.

Chickasaw tribal legislator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, along with

tribal information technology officer Michael Peercy, recently completed two weeks of training at NLM. As part of the Sacred Root internship, Dr. Parker and Mr. Peercy were immersed in NLM data and processes. They came away with a new appreciation for the information – and for CHIC.

"This (CHIC) will be a fabulous service for Chickasaw people," Dr. Parker said. "The information on medicine, prevention and treatment is incredible. By using CHIC, our patients will soon learn what a huge and positive impact this information can have on their lives."

Not only will patients and their families benefit. Physicians, nurses and allied health care professionals will now have

immediate access to the latest articles and information published on diseases, procedures, pharmaceuticals and other vital current news.

Information provided by NLM to the CHIC system ranges from medical journal articles to recent clinical trial results. There are interactive tutorials, drug information, encyclopedias, dictionaries and news. There is history on diseases, procedures, prevention and breakthroughs. Information is presented in multiple formats. From pre-schoolers to post-doctoral scholars, CHIC will offer good, up-to-date information.

CHIC will also be able to check information from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and local research and trials.

The Chickasaw Nation Health System awarded "Nurse of the Year" honors to Melba Burris in a reception at Carl Albert Indian Hospital May 11, 2007.

Ms. Burris is an exceptional employee and was recognized for her many accomplishments.

She is described as an excellent team player who is always on the lookout for anything that will improve the clinic or patient care. She often goes out of her way to assist those in need. For example, she frequently delivers prescriptions to the pharmacy for cancer patients to assist them in getting their medication quickly.

Ms. Burris and each of the Nurse of the Year Nominees exemplify excellent customer service and dedication to their

patients.

The 2007 Nurse of the Year Nominees are:

Martha Jimboy, LPN – Purcell Clinic

Linda Fields, LPN – Purcell Clinic

Shawnia Reed, LPN – Medical-Surgical

Sabrina Vaughn, LPN – Ada Family Practice Center

Melba Burris, LPN – CAIHF/ Internal Medicine Clinic

Linda Wooten, LPN – Ada Family Practice Center

Wilma Harden, RN – CAIHF, Wound Care Specialist

Sherry Poblete, RN – CAIHF- OutPatient Manager

Tomi Tice, RN – CAIHF/ Family Practice

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## Rabies Clinics

There are just a few more rabies clinics remaining for American Indian pet owners!

Sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR), the clinics provide vaccines administered by local veterinarians to any family pet (excluding reptiles) needing a rabies shot.

CDIB card holders are encouraged to bring their cats, dogs and other mammals for a free vaccination at one of rabies clinics listed.

Participants should bring their pets and their CDIB card to one of the designated locations during the hours listed below.

### Achille

Thursday, June 7  
Achille H.S. Gym Parking Lot  
10 a.m. – Noon

### Connerville

Thursday, June 14  
Connerville Senior Site Parking Lot  
6700 N. Hwy. 377  
10 a.m. – Noon

### Tishomingo

Thursday, June 21  
Tishomingo Community Center  
Across from the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic  
10 a.m. – Noon

### Madill

Thursday, June 28  
Madill Senior Site Parking Lot  
Hwy. 70 & 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Oakland  
10 a.m. – Noon

### Enos

Thursday, July 5  
Enos Fire Department Parking Lot  
On Black Jack Road in Kingston  
10 a.m. – Noon

For more information, contact the Ada Area Office at (580) 436-7256.

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# Special events celebrate National Hospital Week at CNHS

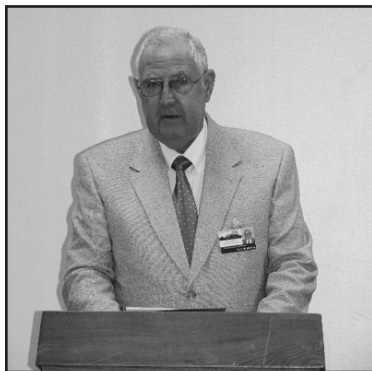


**CNHS staff enjoy the free food and entertainment at the hamburger cookout.**

The Chickasaw Nation celebrated National Hospital Week May 6-12, 2007.

The week kicked off Monday

with the official proclamation commemorating National Hospital Week. There were various special activities throughout



**R. Wayne Roark delivers the proclamation commemorating National Hospital Week.**



**Dr. Jang Kim enjoys a hamburger at the cookout.**

the week honoring all medical staff including daily drawings, free snacks, contests, a pancake breakfast and games.

The week concluded on Friday with a hamburger cookout sponsored by Vision Bank, a live radio remote and prize give-away for all Chickasaw Nation Health System staff members.

Although this week was nationally recognized as National Hospital Week, CNHS values the roles that all members of the medical staff play in providing excellent care to their patients each and every day.

The celebration of National Hospital Week began in 1921. This year's slogan was "Care You Count On, People You Trust." The slogan and theme focus on the relationships between hospitals and the communities they serve.

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**Stephanie Leu enjoys pancakes during the free breakfast.**



**CNHS Staff line up for the hamburger cookout sponsored by Ada's Vision Bank.**



**Candace Raney and Heather Summers make pancakes during the free breakfast.**

## Chickasaw Nation WIC program seeks comments

The Chickasaw Nation is soliciting comments from individuals regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Input is needed for development of the state plan of operation for the 2008 fiscal year. These comments must be received by August 1, 2007.

WIC is a federally-funded nutrition, education and supplemental food program for pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as infants and children up to age five, who are determined to be at nutritional risk and whose income falls below 185 percent of the poverty level. The Chickasaw Nation WIC program currently serves approximately 3600 women, infants and children throughout the 13-county area.

Comments regarding the WIC program may be mailed to Melinda Newport, RD/LD, Nutrition Services Director, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820, or phone (580) 436-7255 or toll free (888) 436-7255.

For more information about receiving WIC program services, call (580) 436-7255 or Debi Tipton at (580) 310-6420. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

## Boys and Girls Clubs offering summer food service

The Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Clubs in Chickasha, Sulphur and Tishomingo will participate in the USDA Summer Food Service Program. Through this program, breakfast and lunch or a snack will be provided to all children without charge each weekday the club is open.

In Chickasha and Tishomingo, meal service will begin on June 4, 2007 and conclude on August 3, 2007. Lunch is served from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and a snack is served from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sulphur Public Schools will act as the sponsoring organization for the Sulphur area.

Meals will be served at the Sulphur High School Cafeteria during the following hours:

### June 4-29, 2007

Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

### July 9-27, 2007

Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of meal service.

Last year the program served a total of 5,743 lunches and 5,214 snacks at the three Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Clubs. The program has expanded this year to also provide lunches and

snacks at seven of the Chickasaw Nation Youth Camps. The Summer Food Service Program is also partnering with the Chickasaw Foundation this year and will coordinate the summer food program for Upward Bound this summer.

For more information, please contact Katrina Lewis, (580) 436-7255.

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*Contributed by Karissa Pickett, tribal media relations.*



## Stewards of the Land

# Beasleys honored by tribe for preserving Chickasaw site

By **RICHARD GREEN**  
Contributing Writer

"Don't shoot! Don't shoot, Mr. Beasley. Don't shoot!"

Well, John Ray Beasley thought, the trespasser evidently knew him, but he didn't recognize the terrified man's voice. Nor could Beasley see him through the forest that separated him on the top of the bluff from the trespasser at the bottom, some 80 feet below. From his vantage point, one of the highest elevations in Lee County, Mississippi, John Ray realized he was hearing more than one trespasser rustling through the leaves down below.

He learned later that two fleeing trespassers went over the barbed wire fence at the base of the bluff while the third, the one who shouted for mercy, was too heavy to get over the fence and had gotten hung up trying to crawl under it. Presumably he freed himself by ripping his clothing. Good, John Ray thought. He deserved it.

John Ray reckoned they were pot hunters, and soon he found the spot where they had been shoveling. They had just started to dig for Chickasaw artifacts when they heard him coming and lit out running through the forest of red cedars that leads to the bluff.

In recounting the story on a digital recording for the tribe, John Ray said the episode had happened several years ago. He had been out walking on the property he had named Cedarscape, enjoying the afternoon, and certainly wasn't carrying a gun. He almost never carried a gun. What was remarkable, however, was the pot hunters' thinking that he might have one and that he might use it.

What's more, this kind of shoot-to-kill behavior attributed to John Ray by the trespassers may have been pervasive among relic hunters, as they were and are known in northeastern Mississippi. For it was known that John Ray and his wife, Lottye Betts, had a reputation for being very unsympathetic to those looting the graves of eighteenth-century Chickasaws for potentially valuable artifacts.



**Governor Bill Anoatubby and the Beasleys at Cedarscape in 2006.**

The Beasleys were also unsympathetic to land developers, some of whom offered them considerably more money than the appraised value of the land. Why wouldn't they sell?

Initially, because they had raised their children there, loved living at Cedarscape and weren't ready to move. But long after Rick and Eva Ann were grown and gone and they started thinking about downsizing, they still wouldn't sell—at least not to developers. After moving there in 1963, they had learned in short order that Cedarscape once had been a Chickasaw village. Many of the remnants were right out on the ground; others were buried under a layer of chalk or the thin prairie soil. Often after a heavy rain, artifacts like glass beads, stone or iron tools and brass decorations would emerge from an eroded area. Much less often, human remains would jut out of an eroded patch and John Ray would take his shovel, dig a deep hole and cover them back up.

They had protected the Chickasaw village from the pot hunters. Knowing what they knew after forty years of living there, how was it morally different to sell the land to developers, who with heavy equipment, would destroy the remnants of the village wholesale rather than a little at a time? By the new millennium, John Ray was in his 70s, and his arthritis was getting worse, making it more difficult to maintain, patrol and protect the land. They agreed they needed to sell Cedarscape,

and there was no shortage of potential buyers. One man who dreamed of having his home on the bluff overlooking the beautiful Coonewah Creek valley, told the Beasleys he would buy all of the land or part of it, whatever they wanted to sell. Just name your price, he said. But almost all of these offers came from developers with no interest in preserving the Chickasaw village, so the couple rejected all of them out of hand. By 2003, the Beasleys' dilemma had no end in sight.

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They wanted to live and raise their family in the country, so in 1963, they made a down payment on 75 acres of land that included a portion of Coonewah ridge. Because the property lacked a house, they moved the one they had from Tupelo several miles southwest out State Highway 6 to the property near the Lee County-Pontotoc County line.

Some of their friends told them they were crazy for moving so far out in the boonies. But their children, Rick and Eva Ann, loved exploring the cedar forest and gullies, the hardwood forest along the ridgetop that overlooked Coonewah Creek, and there was good fishing in the big pond. On these explorations they were finding a variety of glass beads and metal tools, often quite rusted. They found most of this material in eroded areas or in or near chalk outcroppings.

What is all this, they asked their parents.

"I was teaching Mississippi history and was aware that Indian tribes had once lived here before we became a state," said Lottye Betts. "But that's about

all I knew at the time. So we asked some of our neighbors who also lived on Coonewah ridge and they told us those are Chickasaw Indian relics."

Some of them had their own collections, John Ray learned. And not all of the artifacts had come from Coonewah ridge, but from several other places in Tupelo as well. In time, he understood that the Tupelo area had once been the Chickasaw homeland.

This news prompted the Beasleys to do two things. First, they tried to learn more about Chickasaw history. But in the 1960s information wasn't very accessible to those who were looking casually. Arrell Gibson's book, *The Chickasaws*, wasn't published until 1971. Second, John Ray now tended to walk his property more often than not with his head down, looking for more artifacts, which he would add to the collection.

He was different from other collectors, in that he wasn't interested in hunting artifacts on anyone else's land. And he only picked up artifacts that he

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## Names of former Indian track stars wanted for book

By **RICHARD GREEN**  
Contributing Writer

A former high school track star is trying to track down other stellar Indian track athletes who competed in Oklahoma high schools. Lamont Frazier, a Pottawatomie-Shawnee-Choctaw now living in Del City, intends to develop a book of profiles of Indian track stars.

Frazier, whose wife (Janine Ned Frazier) and children are enrolled Chickasaws, believes the stories of these former standouts could be a source of pride and inspiration to Indian youth.

Raised in an abusive family environment, Frazier was sent away to the Sequoyah Indian School in Tahlequah. But he realized he had a talent for

running fast and vowed to train hard to see how far he could go. As a 117 pound senior in 1980, Frazier set the state 2A record in the two-mile run—a record that still stands. Feeling good about yourself, he says, can spill over into other endeavors, as it did for him.

Frazier believes a book of interesting and inspirational profiles could counteract many of the negative influences on Indian young people today. "I believe that endurance is one of the gifts bestowed upon Indian people, but we need to be reminded that each of us has this power," Frazier says. "The book would be my way to illustrate that."

While Frazier wants to limit his initial research to male athletes, he intends to produce another book focusing on Indian female track stars. Although he

is just getting started and as yet has no publisher, Frazier says he is thoroughly committed to seeing the project through.

He says that along with submitting names and high schools, readers of the *Times* should also submit documentation or at least information that would help in researching the nominee's performance. Photos are also needed and will be returned.

Frazier believes there is no shortage of standout Indian track and cross country runners. He is contacting all tribes located in Oklahoma for help.

If you want to submit a name or names contact Mr. Frazier at 4328 Woodedge Dr., Del City, OK 73115, 405-677-0292, or at cathartusaura@netzero.com.



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could see on the ground. Others used their metal detectors and shovels.

Some of them asked permission to hunt relics at Cedarscape. John Ray and Lottye Betts turned them all down. "Occasionally, men would ask permission to fish at our pond," Lottye said. "They'd stick their lines in the water and then we'd see them starting to roam around. So I'd get John Ray to ask them to leave."

Pot hunters, the Beasleys learned, are resourceful and adaptable. When word got out that they were not welcome at Cedarscape, they would strike during the family's vacations. "A couple of times we saw the evidence that they had been digging when we returned."

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In 1970, Sam McGahey, an archaeologist with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History came to call, according to John Ray. "He said there was a good chance our land had been occupied by the Chickasaws. I said, 'tell me about it,' and showed him our relics. He said he had a research grant and wanted permission to bring a few students and they would survey and excavate a small portion of land that he felt was probably occupied. Betts [he often calls his wife Betts] and I consented, and they dug some trenches about 30 feet long. They stripped

off the top layer of soil in this area and found some post hole molds indicating a house had been there. I watched them and it was fascinating. They were very meticulous, digging and sifting and finding pot sherds and metal objects, and burned daub." Daub is the clay that 18<sup>th</sup> century Chickasaws used to plug up their winter houses.

John Ray said McGahey told him he thought Cedarscape had been pretty densely populated and he wanted to come back and do some survey work on another piece of the property. He believed this might yield even more information and artifacts. But nothing more came of it. Later, John Ray learned that the grant money had run out. "At any rate," Mrs. Beasley said, "having seen some of what was under the earth, we decided to redouble our efforts to protect the land from pot hunters."

From the 1970s on, Tupelo continued to expand, and with each new development involving a ridgetop the remnants of more Chickasaw house and village sites in the homeland were destroyed. The Beasleys didn't have first-hand knowledge of this. But they understood that Chickasaws mainly settled on ridgetops, in part, to see their enemies approaching. Developers were drawn to the Beasleys' ridgetop for another reason: the beautiful and often mesmerizing vista of the valley and Coone-

wah Creek.

Adjacent parcels of land were selling and large homes were going up, but none of them had the valley view. So Cedarscape continued to appreciate in value. One day a man who so badly wanted to enjoy that view from the house he wanted to build that he offered "whatever it takes." The Beasleys didn't even have to talk about it. The answer was no.

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In 2004, a meeting was held at the Tupelo city hall among a diverse group of persons who had some degree of interest in the preservation of the relatively few Chickasaw village sites left in the Tupelo area. A small Chickasaw delegation was led by Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel. Among others was Jessica Crawford, then a field representative of the Archaeological Conservancy. The conservancy is a non-profit organization that preserves archaeological sites by acquiring title to them. Earlier in her tenure, she had been interested in Chickasaw sites, but had been led to believe that none were left. The meeting revived her interest.

Later, she met Steve Cook, a former artifact collector and neighbor of the Beasleys, also on Coonewah ridge. He told her there were Chickasaw village sites that had not yet been destroyed and he owned two of them. One he believed was Falacheco, mentioned in the English and French colonial documents. Would she like to see another site on Coonewah? It's just on the other side of Highway 6, he said, adding he had evidence that it was the village named Tchichatala.

Cook said both villages had been abandoned by the mid-1730s, but were reoccupied to some extent in the 1780s when Chickasaw housing patterns changed.

Tchichatala turned out to be Cedarscape, and the Beasleys and Jessica hit it off immediately. They wanted to sell the land to someone who would and could preserve it, and she wanted to buy it so that it could be preserved. They talked that day and on other occasions. They would sell Cedarscape to the Conservancy for its appraised value. She would "jump at the chance to buy it," but

funds would be a problem for 35 acres, the amount that would comprise much of the Chickasaw village. She might have to seek grants, and that could be a lengthy process.

Jessica thought of the Chickasaws at the meeting in Tupelo and wondered if the tribe might be interested in providing a grant. Governor Bill Anoatubby met with her and her boss at the time and stunned them both by saying that the tribe would provide a grant for the entire amount. "I left that meeting in a euphoric mood," recalled Jessica who let the Beasleys know that their dream and hers would be realized soon. Moreover, Jessica understood from Gov. Anoatubby that the Chickasaws eventually intended to negotiate a long-term lease to develop an interpretive center and retreat there.

This was even better than the Beasleys even envisioned. They donated 4.4 acres, so the overall price per acre was reduced further. The deal closed in May 2005 and the Beasleys started the long, physically and emotionally difficult process of moving out of their house and building a new house on the property adjacent to Cedarscape. They also started talking about driving out to Oklahoma to tour the Chickasaw Nation. But the health of Lottye Betts' mother's took a turn for the worse, and she died a few months later. Then, on June 30 of last year, their daughter, Eva Ann Dorris, died suddenly while she was working at her computer. She was 45 years old.

Within one year, Lottye Betts lost her mother and her daughter. Deaths that are completely unexpected, like Eva Ann's, pack a tremendous emotional wallop. Grieving has been eased somewhat by the fact that Eva Ann's husband, Ken Dorris and two children, Katie and K'Ann live nearby.

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This past April, a group from the Chickasaw Nation visited Cedarscape and spent time with the Beasleys in their new house. John Ray said he would loan his collection of hundreds of artifacts to the Nation if it would be kept at Cedarscape. Part of the objective for visiting the Beasleys was to digitally record them speaking about Ce-

darscape. At that time, John Ray said they planned to visit their new Chickasaw friends in Oklahoma.

Last month they arrived and spent nearly a week visiting the Headquarters in Ada, and also Tishomingo and Sulphur. Staff of the Division of Culture provided tours and friendship. An appointment with Governor Anoatubby was arranged for them, but they later learned that it had upgraded to a reception. Some forty to fifty guests gathered in the Headquarters' Large Conference Room.

What they didn't know came at the reception's front end. When Gov. Anoatubby entered the room he was carrying a velvet pouch. He then addressed the Beasleys and the audience, providing their background and how he had got to know them. He said he had visited Cedarscape in late 2006, and the Beasleys had very graciously shown him around the property. On the bluff, not far from where John Ray had heard those poachers several years before, the group stood gazing out at the valley. Everybody seemed lost in their thoughts. Then, John Ray heard one Chickasaw man say, "Do you feel it?"

"Yes, I do," said his friend, whose eyes were tearing up.

In the future, many other Chickasaws will have the opportunity on this land to feel the spirit of their ancestors, the Chikasha. That is why Gov. Anoatubby was telling the audience about these two remarkable people. Anoatubby seemed close to tears himself, but took a breath, removed a handsome plaque from the pouch and began to read the inscription:

Friends of the Chickasaws

John Ray and Lottye Betts

Beasley

The Beasleys preserved and protected Tchichatala for more than forty years, when remnants of most other Chickasaw homeland villages were being destroyed. At the end of their stewardship, they refused lucrative development offers to permit the tribe to preserve the land in perpetuity and enhance the site for the lasting benefit of Chickasaw people.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor

The Chickasaw Nation

May 11, 2007

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## Parades are fun!



**Governor Anoatubby leads a parade at the Ada Child Care Center as part of Week of the Young Child activities.**



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distance of 183.94 feet to a point on the West line of said Lot 11; thence N 30E04'14" W along said West line a distance of 23.60 feet; thence N 56E20'57" E a distance of 181.95 feet to a point on the East line of said Lot 11; thence Southeasterly along a curve to the right, having a radius of 2804.79 feet for a distance of 58.538 feet (Chord bearing of S30E52'53" E and chord distance of 58.537 feet) to the point of beginning, containing 7,477.6 square feet or 0.17 acres more or less.

**Property Location:** In the 900 block of South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Madill Oklahoma

**Use:** Casino Parking for Madill Gaming Center

**Requested by:** Bill Anoatubby, Governor

**Presented by:** Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number 24-037**

**Gubernatorial Appointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission (Claude Miller)**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Claude Miller to fill the remaining term of the at-large seat on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission. The seat had been filled by Ms. Billie Easterling, who recently resigned. The term of the seat began on December 31, 2005 and will end on December 31, 2008. A resume for Mr. Miller accompanies this resolution.

**Requested by:** Governor Bill Anoatubby

**Presented by:** Dean McManus, Committee Chair Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number 24-038**

**Assurances for the Indian**

**Community Development Block Grant Program**

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

**Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Fire Station to be located in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

**Requested by:** Bill Anoatubby, Governor

**Presented by:** Dean McManus, Committee Chair Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

No votes: Beth Alexander  
**General Resolution Number 24-039**

**Maintenance of Jurisdiction for Sex Offender Registry in within**

**Chickasaw Nation Tribal Territory**

**Explanation:** The U.S. Congress passed the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (P.L. 109- 248) which will establish state jurisdiction over sex offender registries in Indian lands absent affirmative action from tribes to accept responsibility for this function. The law stipulates that action must be taken by a tribe by July 27, 2007. Further, tribes that accept responsibility for this function may rescind their action at any time subsequent to the initial deadline, and accept jurisdiction of the state for the same. Tribes that accept responsibility for this function will have two years from the initial deadline to develop and implement a sex offender registry system in compliance with the law.

**Requested by:** Governor Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation

**Presented by:** Tim Colbert, Committee Chair Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy

Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number 24-040**

**Approval to Participate in a Joint Venture Construction Program with the**

**Indian Health Service to Construct a Health Care Facility in Ada, Oklahoma**

**Explanation:** This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to participate with the Indian Health Service in its Joint Venture Construction Program. The program provides additional operating costs to run the facility once it is constructed and is ready to function. These additional operating costs are needed because the new facility will be larger and will offer expanded services that were not available at the older Carl Albert Indian Health Facility.

**Emergency Legislation:** This resolution is needed immediately due to the fact that the project has already been started.

**Requested by:** Governor Bill Anoatubby Chickasaw Nation

**Presented by:** Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number 24-041**

**Utility Right-Of-Way Easement in Marshall County**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves the Utility Right-Of-Way, described as follows:

A Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29 Township 6 South, Range 6 East of the Indian Meridian according to the U.S. Government Survey thereof and further described as follows:

This easement consists of a strip or parcel of land 18 feet in width with 9 feet each side of a centerline being more particularly described as;

Beginning at a point approximately N00E17'10" E a distance of 360 feet and N 89E26'14" W a distance 250 feet of the Southeast Corner of the Southeast

Quarter of Section 29 Township 6 South, Range 6 East of the Indian Meridian according to the U.S. Government Survey; to the Point of Beginning; Thence S 89E17'20" W a distance of 355 feet to terminus.

**Property Location:** Marshall County, Oklahoma

**Use:** Utility right-of-way to OG&E

**Emergency Legislation:** This resolution is emergency legislation because the easement is needed immediately. The Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority has approved this resolution.

**Requested by:** Bill Anoatubby, Governor

**Presented by:** Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve

Woods

**Permanent Resolution Number 24-006**

**Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 11 of the Chickasaw Nation Code**

**(Extradition Act)**

**Explanation:** This resolution amends rules and procedures for the extradition of suspects to and from the Chickasaw Nation and other jurisdictions. It makes the Chickasaw Nation rules and procedures uniform with the law of other jurisdictions.

**Requested By:** Tim Colbert, Committee Chair Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

**Presented By:** Tim Colbert, Committee Chair Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

### In Memory of Lizzie Frazier

*Mother and Grandmother*

*June 6, 2003*

It's been four years but it seems like it was only yesterday. I know we should be together but we are not. Though I try to hide my feelings, it is clear that you're forever in my thoughts. Still dream of you this I can't deny. Wishing you were here. With all my might I try to say goodbye but I choke. I may seem all right and smile but my smiles are just a front, only a front. No doubt that you are deeply missed.

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**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**11 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR24-029 carried unanimously.**

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

**(E) EDUCATION COM-**

**MITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

**(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

**General Resolution Number 24-026, Resolution in Support of Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee**

Authorization for funding for the Special Diabetes Program

for Indians will soon expire unless it is renewed by Congress. The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee has been successful in influencing policy and funding decisions regarding diabetes for nearly a decade and has assumed the lead in advocating for the renewal of the funding authority by Congress. This resolution provides support for the efforts of the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee to secure continued funding for the Special Diabetes Program.

**A motion was made by Mr. Green and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR24-026.**

**Members voting yes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo

Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**11 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR24-026 carried unanimously.**

Ms. Green concluded her report.

**(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

Ms. Briggs stated the roof at Burney Institute was damaged and the engineers will have to construct a support for the building to keep the room from collapsing. She concluded her report.

**AGENDA ITEM #7**

**NEW BUSINESS** (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. James Humes introduced William "Alfalfa Bill" Murray. Mr. Humes made comments regarding the freedom to speak in Sessions and issues related to the sale of the Arkansas Riverbed.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary Pro Tempore

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Seller, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location informa-

tion, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

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would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to [vicky.gold@chickasaw.net](mailto:vicky.gold@chickasaw.net) or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

### CHICKASAW NATION BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Company name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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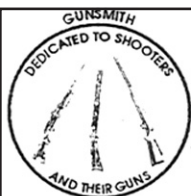
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## Rennye LouElla Brooks



Rennye LouElla Brooks, 95, died May 5, 2007, at Ardmore, Okla. Services were May 10 at Griffin-Hillcrest Funeral Home in Ardmore. Interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Ardmore.

Mrs. Brooks was born Nov. 12, 1911, in Berwyn, Okla., to Charlie Henderson and Lucy Young Henderson, both three-eighths Chickasaw. Her parents were registered on the Chickasaw rolls and received 160 acres of land each through the Indian allotment prior to Oklahoma statehood. Their land was about where the Ardmore Air Park is now located.

She was the great-great-granddaughter of former Chickasaw Governor Winchester Colbert, and the granddaughter of Charles Wesley Henderson, who founded the town of Lou, Okla., which became Berwyn and is now known as Gene Autry, and the granddaughter of Granville W. (Uncle Bud) Young, three-term commissioner of Carter County (OK) and prominent citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

She attended elementary school at Henderson Flat and rode the bus to Berwyn, graduating from high school there in 1930.

She married Jessie Carl Brooks Aug. 1, 1931, at the Methodist Church in Berwyn. He worked for her uncle Jim Young just across the river from Berwyn. He also took a job on the Goddard ranch and worked there 12 years. In 1942 they moved to Healdton, Okla., where he worked as a carpenter and served several years as street commissioner. He died in 1968 of complications following surgery.

They were active in scouting for several years. She was proud that both her sons achieved Eagle Scout status. She was active in Rebekah and Eastern Star

lodges, playing piano for both. She also worked at the Healdton nursing home, Elmer's Café, sold Avon products and worked part-time for the Dan Boone and Ted Alford families. She cooked the Friday luncheon for the Healdton Lions Club for several years. She was always doing for others. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Healdton.

Mrs. Brooks was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, Wesley, James, Charles C., Paul and J. C. Henderson; and sisters Modena Henderson and Marilyn Adams.

She is survived by sons Paul Brooks and wife Irene of Kemp, Texas, and Joe W. and wife Jackie of Lone Grove, Okla.; daughters Nancy Karlene Brooks of Sherman, Texas, and Frances Elliott and husband Mal of Wichita, Kan.; sister Louise Woodward of Martha, Okla.; sisters-in-law Margie Brooks, Ardmore, Cleo Henderson of Westminster, Colo., Margaret Brooks of Mandeville, La., and Lessie Pittman, Irving, Texas; brother-in-law David Adams and wife Esther of Wichita.; 12 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

## Bobby Gene Beavers

Bobby Gene Beavers, 57, died April 20, 2007. He was born December 21, 1949 in Madill, Okla., to James F. and Betty Jean Ruth Beavers. He was one-quarter Chickasaw and the grandson of Lucy Kaney Beavers, original enrollee, and Taylor Beavers.

He graduated from Medical Lake High School near Spokane, Wash., in 1967 and attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla. He married Judy Thompson October 8, 1971 in Kingston, Okla., and they moved to Tishomingo, Okla., in 1980.

He had a long and illustrious military career, receiving many awards and citations, the most revered of which was his Bronze Star during the Iraqi War. He retired as a Master Sergeant with the Oklahoma Army National Guard on August 31, 2004 after 32 ½ years of service. He was also the Drug Court Coordinator

for the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

He is survived by his wife, Judy of the home; son and daughter-in-law Michael and Traci Beavers of Lewisville, Texas; his brother and sister-in-law Gary and Patricia Beavers of Kingston; two sisters and brothers in law, Jamie and Ronald Spence and Teresa and Verlon Lollis all of Kingston; his granddaughter Emily Beavers; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Services were April 23, 2007 at Fletcher Auditorium in Tishomingo with Chaplain Morgan Ashworth officiating.

Pallbearers were Colonel Arnold Muncrief, OIC, SFC James Hamilton, Sgt. Jason Tunstall, SFC Monte Dewitte, SFC Ray Trammell, Sgt. Lewis Eades, Maj. Gary Hook and MSgt. Joe Sebourn. Honorary bearers were members of the Oklahoma National Guard, David Willingham, Jerry Goode and Jim Malack.

Interment was in Shay Cemetery in the Shay Community west of Kingston.

## Laquetta Lucille Kelsey Coburn

Laquetta Lucille Kelsey Coburn died April 23, 2007. She was born April 10, 1938 to Press Jack Kelsey and Ruth Irene Grinslade at Old Allison, Okla. She was raised in Oklahoma and Texas and graduated high school at Forth Worth, Texas.

She was a member of the Chickasaw Nation and the granddaughter of Benjiman Jackson Grinslade and Edna Ear McGuire.

She later moved to California where she enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on March 28, 1958, and later enlisted in the National Guard. She moved to Washington State and started her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; oldest sister; and her youngest brother.

She is survived by three daughters, Danine Anderson, Delori Soukup and Darlene Clark; nine grandchildren (three of which she adopted); three great-grandchildren; a brother, four sisters; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was a woman who had an open door policy to those in need and she opened her heart and her home to many many people. It was a rare day to visit her and her not have 10 or more kids that thought of her as their other mother. She is going to be greatly missed by all that knew her. We will always remember her fondness for kids, critters and frogs. She was loved and will be remembered.

## Abel Levi

Abel Levi, 80, of Pontotoc, Okla., died March 25, 2007. Services were March 29, 2007 with Revs. Larry Hawkins and Osborn Roberts officiating. Burial followed at Seeley-Blue Cemetery.

Mr. Levi was born Jan. 24, 1927 at Pontotoc to Jackson Levi and Lula Belle Lewis Levi.

He attended school at Pontotoc and Jones Academy and lived in Pontotoc all his life. He was self-employed mechanic. He attended the Connerville Senior Site. He was saved April 2005.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters; and a brother.

He is survived by his nephews, Dennis Hamilton, Mill Creek, Okla., Ricky Hamilton, Tulsa, Jimmy L. Reed, Pontotoc, and Edison Sealy, Ada, Okla.; nieces, Denise Richardson, Tishomingo, Okla., Angela H. Stallings, Oklahoma City, Nadine Lewis, Ardmore, Okla., Suzanne Russell and husband, Charley, Ada, Shirley McElroy and husband, James, Austin, Texas and Francis Meeley, Ada; and other great-nieces, nephews and friends.

Bearers were Nelson Wisdom, Noah Wisdom, Skip Wisdom, Kevin Wisdom, Michael Hook and Vernon Factor.

## Sara "Sally" Jeanne Padden

Sara "Sally" Jeanne Padden, 84, died April 19, 2007 in Tulsa. She was born March 19, 1923 at Oklahoma City to Harry Leo and Luella (McSwain) Redak.

Mrs. Padden attended the University of Oklahoma where she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, and the University of Texas, where she specialized in Engineering. She later worked for Curtis White Corporation in Buffalo, N.Y. building airplanes

during WWII. After the war, she became an American Airlines flight attendant.

She was an active member of Kiwi's, a club for former American Airlines flight attendants. She was an active member of the East Side Church and also an avid bridge player.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Tom; a daughter, Diane Kirkbride; a brother, Harry Redak.

She is survived by her children, Thomas Padden and wife, Patricia, Steven Padden, Laura Whiteside and husband, Joey; son-in-law, Joe Kirkbride; grandchildren, Wil, Mary, Melanie, Kelly and Megan; and great-grandchildren, Parker and Drew.

Services were April 23, 2007 at East Side Christian Church.

## Jack E. Nolen

Jack E. Nolen died Feb. 27, 2007 at Merced, Calif.

He was born June 28, 1931 at Oklahoma and moved to California with his family when he was six months old where he lived most his life in the San Joaquin Valley.

He retired in 1993 after many years as an accountant and apartment manager. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served during the Korean War. He was active with the American Legion Post 83 and the Eagles, Aerie #2194. He enjoyed spending time with his family and bartending special occasions.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Ruth Nolen; brothers, Wayne Nolen, Floyd Nolen and Everett "Ed" Nolen; sisters, Wanda Burrows and Verna Wallace; and his first wife, Martha Nolen.

He is survived by, his loving wife of 16 years, Cynthia Nolen; sisters, Maureen Cocker and Mary Ward; children, Denise Nolen, Nathan Nolen, Eric (Chris) Nolen, Kim (Diane) Nolen, Kelly Nolen De La Lastra and Maurina (Tim) Erickson; grandchildren, Quinton Nolen, Sarah Erickson and Adam Erickson.

Services were March 5, 2007 at Ivers & Alcorn Funeral Home with Chaplain Steve Heath officiating. The American Legion Post #83 Merced Honor Guard conducted military Honors. His wish was to be buried in San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Gustine, Calif.